

# Sermon Notes

**"In my Father's house are many mansions."**

**Matthew 27:3-5** - <sup>3</sup> When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.

<sup>4</sup> He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

<sup>5</sup> Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself.

**Over 90% of people who die by suicide have a mental illness at the time of their death.**

**Untreated mental illness including depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and others is the cause for the vast majority of suicides.**

**Untreated depression is the number one cause for suicide.**

**In Oklahoma, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for ages 10-34, the 4th leading cause of death for ages 35-44, the 5th leading cause of death for ages 45-54, the 8th leading cause of death for ages 55-64, and the 8th leading cause of death overall.**

**More than twice as many people die of suicide than by homicide annually in Oklahoma.**

**Men die by suicide 3.53 times more often than women.**

**The suicide rate is highest in middle age, and 7 of 10 suicides in 2016 were white males.**

**Suicide is NEVER the answer. Getting help is the answer.**

**Suicide is a sin, but our God is a God of compassion.**

**The worst thing is never the last thing.**

**How did Jesus minister to grieving people?**

**John 11:21-27** - <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> **Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,**

<sup>26</sup> **and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"**

<sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

**How does Jesus give us hope through his promise of resurrection?**

**John 14:1-7** - "Do not let your hearts be troubled. **Believe in God, believe also in me.** <sup>2</sup> **In my Father's house there are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?** <sup>3</sup> **And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.** <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "**I am the way, and the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

**John 14:18-19** - <sup>18</sup> **"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.** <sup>19</sup> "In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; **because I live, you also will live."**

**John 14:22-23** - <sup>22</sup> Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."

**John 14:25-29** - <sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> **But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.** <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> **And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."**

**Things I would like to remember from today's sermon:** \_\_\_\_\_

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