

Money Can't Save You

Matthew 27:5,6

Main idea: To teach the congregation that placing too much importance on wealth and material possessions can lead to spiritual downfall, and that true salvation comes from a relationship with God, not money.

Topic: Money Do Not Save You

Suggestions for moving forward with your sermon:

1. Expanding on the concept of money not saving you:

- Explore the dangers of placing too much importance on wealth and material possessions. Use Luke 12:15 to emphasize that life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.
- Highlight the story of the rich young ruler in Mark 10:17-27, where Jesus teaches that it is difficult for the wealthy to enter the kingdom of God.
- Discuss the parable of the rich fool in Luke 12:16-21, illustrating the futility of storing up treasures for oneself.

2. Addressing the issue of blood money:

- Elaborate on the story of Judas Iscariot in Matthew 27:5-6, emphasizing the consequences of his betrayal and the guilt associated with blood money.
- Connect this to the broader theme of the love of money being the root of all kinds of evil, as mentioned in 1 Timothy 6:10.

3. Providing practical suggestions:

- Encourage your listeners to examine their own attitudes towards money and possessions, urging them to prioritize their relationship with God over material wealth.
- Offer practical advice on financial stewardship, such as budgeting, giving generously, and avoiding unethical financial practices.
- Share stories or examples from the lives of biblical characters who demonstrated proper stewardship or faced the consequences of their greed.

4. Additional supporting Scripture verses:

- Proverbs 11:4: "Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death." This verse reinforces the idea that money cannot save us in the ultimate sense.
- Ecclesiastes 5:10: "Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless." Use this verse to highlight the insatiable nature of pursuing wealth.

5. Language suggestions:

- In Matthew 27:5, the Greek word for "blood money" is "αἷμα" (haima), which can be emphasized to convey the gravity and consequences of Judas' actions.
- Explore other instances in the Bible where the concept of money or wealth is discussed, such as the story of the widow's offering in Mark 12:41-44, to further illustrate the theme of money not saving us.

Remember to weave these additional ideas and passages seamlessly into your existing sermon, reinforcing the central message that money is not God's currency and cannot save us.