

Money Can't Save You

Matthew 27:5,6

Main idea: To teach the congregation about the dangers of placing too much importance on wealth and material possessions, and to encourage a proper perspective on wealth and generosity towards others.

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. Incorporating additional supporting Scriptures:

- Include Ecclesiastes 5:10, which warns against the love of money and its inability to satisfy.
- Reference Proverbs 11:4, highlighting that wealth does not profit on the day of wrath.
- Use 1 Timothy 6:17-19 to encourage a proper perspective on wealth and generosity towards others.

4. Utilizing original language insights:

- In Matthew 27:5, explore the Greek word for "blood money" (αἷμα) and its significance in relation to Judas' betrayal.
- Discuss how this term is used elsewhere in the New Testament, such as in Acts 1:18-19, where it refers to the field purchased with Judas' ill-gotten gains.

5. Practical suggestions for reinforcing your ideas:

- Provide real-life examples or stories from history that illustrate the destructive power of money and the pursuit of wealth.
- Offer practical advice on how to prioritize God over money, such as through regular giving, contentment, and seeking first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33).

Remember to structure your sermon in a way that flows logically and engages your audience. Use these suggestions to build upon your existing ideas and reinforce your message effectively.