

A sinner's observation on Judas' last moments in TIME:

Matthew 27.3 – 5 !!!!

Judas sat weeping and bewailing the wind below the great cedar tree that marked the entrance to the potters' field.

It was a landscape desolate and disrupted from all the years of raping clay from the earth for the vessels of men.

His clothes rent, and ashes trailed from embers of fire cascaded from head to earth like Stars Falling from the sky !!!!

Glows of embers were still present in the burns sinking into his face !!!!

His ragged wares about his torso sieved with penetrations, remnants from the true embers.

And below his waste smoldered the stench of wool where the waterfall of ash and ember silted to rest !!!!

Little gems, thirty to be exact, twinkled before his crossed legs & feet.

The head of Caesar, and the sparkle, slowly dimmed as the river of tears gushing from his weeping silted the grains of pillage on top of the silver trinkets.

The moon caste a chilling glow about this wilted figure of a man as the low hanging branches of the cedar danced with the night chills that convulsed the body !!!!

The words from his LORD GOD reverberated between his ears... !!!!!!!

The echoing grew louder and louder as though building upon itself like a great crescendo !!!!X!!!!

His lips quivered, and words on the edge of indistinguishable drizzled from his mouth !!!!

"My LORD GOD i have forsaken THEE !!!!!!"

"i know that YOU are the MESSIAH, EMMANUEL, GOD with us !!!!!!!X!!!!"

"Because of me: you will be taken from us !~!!!!!!X!!!!"

Wailing burst from deep inside its soul, and aroused the life from the limbs of the majestic tree !!!!

The drizzle of vocal utterances continued ! - - - - - !

"My LORD GOD !!!!!!!"

"YOUR VOICE rings my mind as though positioned at the mouth of a great horn !!!!X!!!!"

"i cannot discharge your words,

'If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away;'

'it is better that you lose one of your members than your whole body be thrown into hell !!!!!!!'

'And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away;'

'it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell !!!!!!! ' "

"And most dreadful of all your words to me at the Last Supper,"

'The SON OF MAN goes as it is written of HIM,'

'But woe to that man by whom the SON OF MAN is betrayed !!!!!!!'

'It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.' "

"My LORD, my GOD, my heart and soul, are being crushed by the weight of this torment !!!X!!!!!"

"My mind has caused me to sin against YOU directly and personally !!!X!!!!!"

"i cannot cut off my head as i could a hand !!!!"

"Therefore, i have taken the rope that bound the gate of this potter's field !!!!"

"And i will hang this violated vessel of mine from this great lonesome cedar, standing above the chards of broken vessels, caste off by the potters in this desolate place !!!!"

"Forgive me GOD, but i cannot face my apostle brothers, and more so YOU, at YOUR RESURRECTION !!!!!!X!!!!!"

"i know you to be GOD in our midst !!!!!!X!!!!!"

"i am so anguished - - - that i allowed my vision of YOUR GLORY on earth to trample over YOUR TEACHINGS of ETERNAL LIFE !!!X!!!!!"

"And as your advocate before the Sanhedrin that i did not see their willingness to hear YOU as a plot to end YOU !X!!!!!!X!!!!!"

"Even as YOU told us of them: i did not heed YOUR WORDS: as visions of YOUR earthly kingship blinded my eyes !!!!"

"And the resounding joy of YOUR ascension to the temple throne defend my hearing !!!!"

"Forgive me LORD, for i have sinned, the SIN of all flesh !!!!!!"

"By leading them to YOU i have lead YOU to YOUR death !!!!!!"

"i have become the priest that lead the LAMB of GOD to slaughter !X!!!!!!X!!!!!"

"As i lay here being numbed by the chill settling upon my retched body;"

"i will claw my way to the beam that extends above me;"

"and there in the breaking dawn of a new day;"

"I will give my life into YOUR HANDS !X!!!!!"

"to do as YOU will with me !!!!!!X!"

The chilling moon light was snuffed to near death by passing clouds !!!!

But reemerged !!!!

To allow the hideous scene to be etched out in shadows upon the canvas of clay pockmarked with wells of darkness caused by the stripping of the pores of the earth !!!!

The lump quivered as a rancid fog lifted from the left half !!!!

As the remaining embers were doused by the discharge of fluids from the shell of a man that once stood in prominence before his family, and before the Sanhedrin.

Would the shadow survive the chilling night to fulfill the vow of agony to the LORD ????

Not in all my studies have i seen a man so despoiled as this !!!!

There are several hours yet to pass before its professed climb.

The shadow jerked and thrust upon the ground as unconsciousness drifted across the landscape !!!!

However, as the wailing rose and fell like the tides - - - :

its waves of agony never ceased in cutting the heavy air !!!!

i hold out little hope for the coming daybreak and fulfillment of this carcasses last wish !!!!

i myself grow weak observing from a distance !!!!X!!!!

i so want to work myself into the scene to light a LIGHT OF FORGIVENESS & WARM the canvas of this façade !!!!

But two-millennium have elapsed !!!!

And i'm left only to recall the horror that danced upon this life that tragic night:

that his end may bring the UNDERSTANDING of GOD'S GRACE and MERCY to anyone that doubts !!!!

Day was beginning to crack the seam between evening & morning of the multi-millionth day of creation.

The carcass lay twisted about the trunk of this lone specimen of granger with the right half facing east.

The quivering remained and then sharply settled as the lump rolled and yawed and rose to its four limbs !!!!

The whimper of a long lost & beaten child crept from between the front legs of the hideous figure !!!!

To my astonishment it rose to its back legs and began to collect a long vine piled at its side.

It stopped shortly after starting and fashioned a loop on one end.

It then struggled to raise the loop to its chest:

then to the shoulders:

and then finally forced it over his head ! ! ! !

Garments clung upon it !!!!

Soaked from the night dew veiled in the morning frost, and its waste, and grown heavier from absorbed clay !!!!

The body buckled at the hips and then fell with arms extended to the pile of vine !!!!

It muddled in the vine and then pulled out the second end and loosely tied it to itself.

It returned to upright posture, though compressed by the weight of the soiled rags, that hung at its hips !!!!

And more so by the soiled soul that sunk within the shell ! ! ! ! !

It could not be seen, but the anguish was curdling the present daybreak ! ! ! ! !

The sun was still prying at the crease between night and day !!!!X!!!!

As limb by limb by limb by limb the mass struggled up the wings of the tree !!!!

It reached the beam:

Just as the first feathery rays of day squirted out of the opening that divided day & night !!!!X!!!!

It rested for a moment on the great beam - - - -

i thought it might fall to earth like a fledgling exiting the nest too early ? ? ? ?

But some - - - - how it held on ? ? ? ?

The knot about its waste was discharged and reconfigured about the girth of the beam of the tree.

it swung a leg over the limb !

And faced east !

As the sun broke upon the desolate landscape !!!!X!!!!

The quivering was subdued and the body took on granite stiffness !!!!

Then it came to life !!!!

it took the vine in its paw and squinted into the rising sun !X!

With a thrust of the left paw,

The vine was discharged into the hands of the wind !~!!!!

The body jolted from the beam !!!!

A sickness wrenched my heart and soul !X!

i could not bear to watch ! ! ! !

i prostrate myself before GOD !X!!!!!!

Trying to UNDERSTAND this horror that was to be afflicted upon this soul before death ? ? ? ?

i could no longer look !!!!

But no matter how hard i tried - - - - i could not silence the sounds that quaked from the base of the tree - - - - -

as ankles exploded, knees split, and shattered thighs and hips, thrust up into and out of, the belly of the man ! ! ! ! !

i made it to my hands, and lifted my head in the direction of the carnage !!!!

But the agony of the scene would not let me stand !!!!

As wind puffed ashes off its body !!!!!X!

Twisting at the end of the rope just too long to stop the drop before impact ! ! ! !

i crawled - - - - towards the tree ! ! ! !

But my sorrow swallowed all my strength ! ! ! !

TIME PASSED !!!!

The SUN began to warm my back !!!!!X!

Then a SHADOW of an IMAGE passed before me !!!!!!!X!

IT STOOD SENTRY before the devastation !!!!!!!X!!!!

i could hear the IMAGE SPEAKING

i had no strength to go on ! ! ! !

i could barely distinguish THE SOFT VOICE beneath the thunderous moaning ! ! ! !

THE SOFT VOICE was calling a name ? ? ? ?

“Judas, Judas, MY Chosen, MY Apostle !!!!!!!”

“I have not yet GIVEN UP MY LIFE on the cross !!!!!!!”

“And while the crowd cries for Barabbas !!!!!!!”

“ I HEARD your agony & HAVE COME to take you from your suffering !!!!!!!X!”

“Depart from your flesh while it disintegrates !X!”

“And leave the pain to its death !!!!!”

“Now hear and understand what I AM telling you !!!!!!!”

Did I not choose you, Judas Iscariot, son of Simon:”

“To be one of the only twelve apostles from all MY disciples ????????”

“Did I not do this in front of all the disciples as witness to MY choosing you ????????”

“Did I not send you forth as an Apostle, and you did MY WILL ????????”

“Did I not tell you,”

“Preach as you go,”

“Saying,”

“The kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

“Heal the sick,”

“Raise the dead,”

“Cleanse lepers,”

“Cast out demons,”

“!!!!!!!”

“You received without pay, give without pay.”

“Take no gold,”

“nor silver,”

“nor copper,”

“In your belts,”

“no bag for your journey,”

“nor two tunics,”

“nor sandals,”

“nor a staff;”

“for the laborer deserves his food.”

“???????”

“As MY people have rejected ME, so have you rejected their payment !!!!!!”

“For I KNOW that it was not payment that you sought for ME !!!!!!”

“But earthly glorification !!!!!!”

“I tell you now that is to be at MY LAST RETURN on JUDGMENT DAY !!!!!!”

“And most of all did I NOT BREAK BREAD & DRINK WINE with you,”

“and wash your feet,”

“last night at a changing of THE PASSOVER from old stone to NEW FLESH,”
“with your eleven brothers”
“????????”
“So now know that I AM WITH you NOW & FOREVERMORE !!!!!!!”
“Let us return to your studies of old !!!!!!!”
“Did I not proclaim to the prophets that if this sinful nation repented of its wrongs”
“And returned to ME”
“that I would repent of the evil which I was to do to it”
“????????”
“And how many times did I repeat this”
“Before coming MYSELF”
“To change THE LAW from STONE TO FLESH”
“????????”
“No longer is MY LAW written upon tablets !!!!!!!”
“But it is written upon men’s minds – hearts – souls – spirits !!!!!!!”
“And how many times did I return to MY nation after they had sought after other gods”
“And turned their face,”
“form ME”
“????????”
“Have you turned your face from ME ?”
“No !!!!!!!”
“Simon Peter followed ME, and so did you !!!!!!!”
“As the one known to the high priest, you entered the court of the high priest along with ME,”
“Simon Peter hid from ME !X!!!!!!”
“You turned your face to an earthly dwelling of MY presence;”
“Becoming MY instrument to fulfill the scriptures”
“And therefore you have suffered like no other before you or will after you !!!!!!!”
“Your earthy flesh is nearing its end and therefore let ME finish !!!!!!!”
“Did I not say to the Pharisees in your hearing and all that stood around,”

“He who is not with ME is against ME, and he who does not gather with ME scatters.”

“Are you not the only one of the twelve who was gathered with ME before the high priest ?X!!!!!!”

“Understand this: That it had to take place in this manner,”

“The final rejection of ME by MY once chosen nation !!!!!!!”

“Because there is no nation or religion that has ME !!!!!!!”

“I HAVE every one of the world !!!!!!!”

“And I WILL only keep those who SEEK ME one on ONE !!!X!!!!!!”

“Again MY son, open your ears and hear MY WORDS !!!!!!!”,

“Therefore I TELL you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men !!!!!!!”

“But the blasphemy against MY SPIRIT will not be forgiven !!!!!!!”

“Whoever says a word against the SON OF MAN will be forgiven !!!!!!!”

“But whoever speaks against the HOLY SPIRIT will not be forgiven !!!!!!!”

“Either in this age or in the age to come !!!!!!!”

“You did not SIN against ME, but served ME at MY WILL so now be COMFORTED !!!!!!!”

“I tell you now your name is written on the foundation of the NEW JERUSALEM, HEAVEN, to come after Judgment Day !!!!!!!”

“This is not known to the world this, but it will be prophesied by John on the Island of Patmos !!!!!!!”

“HE will write,”

“And the wall of the city had twelve foundations,”

“And on them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the LAMB.”

“I HEARD you cry your witness to ME !!!!!!!”

“I tell you that I AM also the LAMB of THE NEW PASSOVER !!!!!!!”

“And you are MY PRIEST who took MY SACRIFICE, and MADE ATONEMENT for MY children !!!!!!!”

“All those who WHOLLY HOLY ABSOLUTELY TRULY KNOW ME SHALL HAVE SALVATION !!!!!!!”

“And as you have known ME in ONENESS so shall you be with ME in PARADISE !!!!!!!”

And at that moment there was silence !!!X!!!!

And nothing remained at the base of the tree !!!!

But a corpse !!!!!!!

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