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transcription errors. ***

2 Bear with me back to Matthew 27. I very much feel I have a message for us. This is
something that I want us to know. I almost see this as being another bible study really.
But I pray the Lord will really teach us this and let us enter into this.

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4 Matthew 27. We've we've been going through the book of Matthew and at this point, Judas
has betrayed the Lord and the Lord was brought before the high priest, a man named
Caiaphas. And Peter has denied him. I don't know the man. I don't know what you're
talking about.

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6 I do not know him. And the cop crew, just like the lord said it would, will deny me 3
times. And Peter realized what he did and he went out and he wept bitterly. Alright.
That's where we are.

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8 Chapter 27 verse 1 says, when the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of
the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. Now, I want us to begin by
really taking note of this. Alright. I want us to really take note of this. Verse 1
says, when the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took
counsel against Jesus to put him to death.

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10 The chief priests and the elders, that was religion. That was religion. Let's really
take notice of the fact that the enemy of the lord and of his word was religion. I wish
people could get a hold of that. The enemy of the lord.

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12 I mean, do we realize what a statement that is? The enemy of the Lord and of his word,
the whole time he walked this earth, through his whole ministry, it was religion.
Specifically, false religion, which is what all religion is that is contrary to the word
of the lord Jesus Christ. Our lord is the word. Our lord is the word.

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14 In the beginning was the word. The word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Christ, the
lord Jesus Christ. Revelation 19 says, his name is called the word of god. The Word of
God.

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16 What he said is the bible. Does that register with us? You know, no man, no writer of
scripture moved independently. Every penman was inspired by the Holy Spirit of God,
which the scripture refers to as the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ, the
spirit of Christ was moving these men to say whatever he wanted them to say.

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18 This is his word. He is the word. He is the Bible. The words that he spoke, that is the
holy law of God, whatever he said. And the scripture says, the common people heard him
gladly.

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20 They heard him so gladly. All the publicans and sinners, they came to him. They ate with
him. They heard his word gladly. It was religion that had a problem with him and his
word, his truth.

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22 And that's still the case to this day. False religion is the enemy of the truth. Now,
it's not the enemy of religion. It's not the enemy of false religion, but it is the
enemy of the truth. The truth concerning Christ and his word.

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24 Well, how can I know if I'm in a false religion? I think that's a pretty good question
to ask. What if we're in a false religion right now? What if you're listening to a false
preacher right now? How can I know if I'm in a false religion?

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26 Here's how you can know. It won't line up with this word. That's how you can know.
You'll look at this word and you'll you'll say, wait a minute. That's not what I was
told, and that's how you know.

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28 If my religion has a problem with what this book is saying, I'm in the wrong religion.
Time to change religions. If I look at what this book says and I say, yeah, I see that,
but now I don't like that. That's not what I was told. And therefore, I don't believe
that.

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30 If that's my response to what this word says, I'm in the wrong religion. I'm in a false
religion. And I'm in a religion that cannot save. Some people realize, yeah, you know,
my preacher does not totally agree with the Bible but it's fine. It's not.

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32 I'm in a if that's the case, I'm in a religion that will only condemn and damn my soul

to hell. Let God be true and every man a liar. That's what this word says. And every soul that worships God in truth will hear that and hear this word and will say, amen. So be it.

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34 I agree. Whatever this says, I agree. May god reveal the truth to us and give us a heart to bow to the truth, Christ, Christ the truth. Matthew 27 verse 1 says, when the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. And when they had bound him, they led him away and delivered him to Pontius Pilate, the governor.

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36 Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself and brought again the 30 pieces of silver to the chief priest and elders saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, what is that to us? See thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed and went and hanged himself. And the chief priest took the silver pieces and said, it is not lawful for to put them into the treasury because it is the price of blood.

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38 And they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field to bury strangers in. Wherefore, that field was called the field of blood unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet saying, and they took the 30 pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued whom they of the children of Israel did value and gave them for the potter's field as the Lord appointed me. All of that happened as a fulfillment of scripture. That's what the old testament prophesied would happen and and, not one word of our lord will ever fail.

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40 Whatever this says, it's going to come to pass. Not one word will fail. Now, I want us to look at a particular subject for this message. It's the subject of repentance. True repentance.

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42 And here is the reason why. Our lord said that repentance was a critical component of salvation. And we just read that Judas repented himself. But he was not saved. And I want us this morning to understand why.

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44 Okay. The answer let me give you the answer. The answer is because it was not true repentance. That's the answer. But I want us to find out what that means.

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46 And I pray that our God will give us an understanding because we need it. We really need this. Verse 3, Matthew 27 verse 3. Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned when he saw that the lord was condemned. You know, maybe he thought that the lord was just gonna they would lay hold on him and the lord would just pass right through him like he'd done before.

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48 And he thought, well, I can at least make a little money on the side while the lord's doing that anyway. But when he saw that the lord was condemned, repented himself and brought again the 30 pieces of silver to the chief priest and elders saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, what is that to us? See thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed and went and hanged himself.

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50 Judas came to his senses. He came to his senses. The word repented himself right here translates this particular one means he had regret and sorrow. Can you imagine? Oh, what have I done?

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52 I have sinned. I have betrayed innocent blood. But even though that's the case, based on the scripture, John 17, we know that Judas was not saved. He was lost. So here's the first thing we can understand from this.

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54 Regret and sorrow over sin is not true repentance. Now, I will tell you that with true repentance, there will be regret and sorrow over sin. Oh, absolutely. There will be. But regret and sorrow alone is not true repentance and therefore, it is not salvation.

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56 It's not salvation. I think about the fact that everybody has regret and sorrow over sin after they are caught. They don't even think twice about it until they're caught. Everybody does. That doesn't mean that's salvation.

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58 Turn over to Hebrews 12. Hebrews 12, the end of verse 14 is talking about seeing the Lord. Verse 15 says, looking diligently to the Lord Jesus Christ, lest any man fail of the grace of God, lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled, lest there be any fornicator or profane person as Esau who for one morsel of

meat sold his birthright. For you know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected. For he found no place of repentance.

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60 Though he sought it carefully with tears, he cried over that. He cried over that. He sorrowed and cried over the fact that he sold his entire birthright for a bowl of soup. But even though he sorrowed and cried and regretted what he did had done, not one time ever did he find the place of repentance. True repentance.

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62 Saving, redeeming, repentance. What is true repentance? If it's not sorrow over sin, what is true repentance? Do you have a center margin in your bible? For verse 17, place of repentance, I have a little number 6 right there.

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64 Mine says, way to change his mind. No matter how grieved he was over God's word concerning him and God's judgment concerning him. God said, Esau have I hated. How would you like to hear your name right there? God said the elder shall serve the younger.

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66 But even though it was the almighty God that said that, Esau could not bring himself to say, amen. It is the Lord, let him do what seemeth him good. Eli, God's gonna kill both of your sons. Do you think Eli grieved over that? You think he sorrowed over that?

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68 It is the lord. Let him do what seemeth him good. Esau could not bring himself to say, lord god almighty, please have mercy on me. He could not bring himself to say that. Sovereign almighty in whose hands I am in, in whose hands my breath is in, the one who kills and makes alive and wounds and heals, the one who does what he wants with whom he wants.

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70 And I cannot stop you or change your mind or ask you, what are you doing? God of heaven and earth, please be merciful to me. Please be merciful to me. Please just let your saving, sin cleansing, covering blood be on me. I plead the blood.

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72 Esau have I hated. I plead the blood of Jesus Christ. Rejected, I plead Christ. I need Jesus Christ. I need him to be my substitute and be rejected in my stead.

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74 He just couldn't bring himself to say that. And neither could Judas. Neither could Judas. He said, I have sinned, I have betrayed innocent blood, but never did he say, God, be merciful to me. I wanna encourage everybody right now in your heart to say, god, be merciful to me.

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76 How much mercy does the lord have for us? I need mercy. How much mercy does the lord have for us? It is unlimited. You need mercy?

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78 It's unlimited. Oh, I was so wicked yesterday. I was so evil yesterday. His mercy started over brand new this morning. I've already ruined it today.

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80 It'll be brand spanking new tomorrow morning. You need mercy? Do you need mercy? Oh, God be merciful to me. Now, let's look at a few scriptures on this.

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82 Turn to Matthew 4. Matthew 4 verse 17 says, from that time, Jesus began to preach. When the Lord first laid it on my heart, I I started feeling led to preach and the Lord I I was believing the Lord was calling me to preach. It was very important to me to read the Lord's messages. Because, you know, you ask yourself, what do I preach?

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84 I I think I feel led to preach. What do you say? That's what I used to ask myself. What do you say? And it just, you know, like a light bulb went off.

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86 Why don't you read the Lord's messages? He was a he was the best preacher there is. Say, repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. That was the message that our Lord preached. That makes this critical, doesn't it?

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88 Look at Mark chapter 1. Mark chapter 1 verse 14 says, now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God and saying, of the kingdom of God and saying, the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent ye and believe the gospel. What he's saying is, stop believing what false religion told you. He was dealing with Jews who had these laws and these priests and these ceremonies and all these religious things.

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90 And he said to them, stop believing what religion told you and believe the truth of god's word. I like that message. Turn from your idols to the true and living god. Have a changed mind about all of it. Have a changed mind about god, everything that you ever

thought about god, everything you ever thought about man, everything you ever thought about salvation.

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92 It's time to have a changed mind. Look at Luke 13. Luke 13 verse 1. There were present at that season some that told him of the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. Pilate had slain some of these Galileans.

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94 Verse 2. And Jesus answering said unto them, suppose ye that those Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans because they suffered such things? Do you think that this happened to them because they were greater sinners? Verse 3. I tell you nay, but except you repent, you shall all likewise perish.

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96 Or those 18 upon whom the tower in Siloam fell and slew them, a tower fell over and killed 18 people. Think ye that they were centers above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, no. But except you repent, you shall all likewise perish. Those of you that the lord has revealed the truth to, isn't it wonderful and obvious what he's saying?

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98 You think the natural way of man thinks, well, that happened to them because they were a greater sinner. You know, you if you're a really bad sinner, really bad things happen to you. But once this new man comes, you realize Christ came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief. The great greatest. You think that happened to them because they were the greatest sinner?

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100 What he's saying is, that's not what happens to the greatest sinners. It takes a changed mind to believe that. This changed mind is critical. It's we need it. We so desperately need it.

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102 How does it come? How does this changed mind come? Look at Romans 2. I'm gonna I may have too many notes here. I'm I'm gonna I I knew I had too many when I was writing and I wanna just kinda give you the cliff notes to some of this.

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104 I just don't know what to give you the cliff notes to. I'm I'm trying to figure it out. Alright. Romans 2. How do we get this changed mind?

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106 Verse 3. And thinkest thou this, oh man, that judgest them which do such things and doest the same that thou shall escape the judgment of God or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of god leadeth thee to repentance. Do you not know that? If any man or woman receives true repentance, it's the goodness of God that led that man or woman to this new mind, this changed mind. It's such a glorious thing.

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108 It's such a glorious thing, the message. And it takes God's spirit to, to apply it and for someone to hear it and receive it. But the message is, have a changed mind. Everybody gets up and goes to church to be religious and do the right thing to go to heaven. And the truth comes and it says, have a changed mind about all of it.

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110 It takes the grace of God to receive that. It's the gift of God that gives that to somebody. Repentance, true repentance can only come from god. It's his to give. And don't turn to this.

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112 2nd Timothy 2 says that repentance this is 2nd Timothy 2 2425, if anybody's writing this down. It says, repentance is the gift of God unto the acknowledging of the truth. That's what it is. The acknowledgement, the bowing to, the believing what god has written in his word, that's repentance. That's true repentance.

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114 When the critical question comes, what happened in eternity past? Okay? What happened in eternity past? The natural mind of man says and thinks nothing. Nothing happened.

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116 God just was and then he created everything and the earth and man and everything just kinda got started and went on its way. Alright. That's the natural way of thinking. When the mind of repentance comes, the sinner says, what happened in eternity past? I'll tell you what happened.

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118 God foreordained everything. God predestinated everything. All works to be done were known that he knew the end from eternity past. God the father elected a people to say, that's what happened in eternity past. The father declared Christ to be the lamb slain in eternity past.

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120 God knew that man would fall into sin. And before anything was ever even created to fall

into sin, God provided a remedy for sin, a lamb's sleigh in eternity past. That that just warmed my heart. That's what happened in eternity past. Well, what about the garden?

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122 What happened in the Garden of Eden? The natural mind of man says, well, I'll tell you what happened. Man got in trouble. He got in trouble. God told him not to do it, and he did it anyway, and he got in trouble, and he was kicked out.

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124 And I tell you this, we don't wanna make that mistake again. We sure don't wanna follow in his footsteps. No. When the mind of repentance comes, a sinner will say, what happened in the Garden of Eden? Man died.

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126 He didn't get in trouble. He died. God said, thou shalt surely die. God didn't say, thou shalt surely be in trouble. He said, you're gonna die.

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128 And that's what happened. Man died. What do you mean I need to be doing this or doing that for God? In my nature, I am dead in trespasses and sins. This is a new mind, a changed mind about these things.

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130 That mind says, I can't do anything for him. It's not what I'm gonna do for him. It's what he's already done for me. Well, what happened on the cross? What happened on the cross of Calvary?

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132 The natural mind of man says, Christ showed us the way. That's what happened. You have to take up your cross just like he took up his cross. You have to follow him in that way. What happened on the cross?

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134 He took the first steps so we can now take the second step. What happened? He made salvation possible. He opened the door of heaven for everybody who's willing to accept his offering come in. No.

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136 No. When the mind of repentance comes, a sinner will say, what happened on the cross? Jesus Christ saved his people from their sins. The savior successfully saved. He made a payment in full for the sin of his people.

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138 He obtained eternal redemption for them. Well, you better do this if you wanna be saved. What do you mean? It's already done. It's already done.

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140 When he cried, it's finished, it was done. Well, what happens when the spirit of God brings, you know, faith to believe the truth? The natural mind of man says, we receive a higher knowledge. We're mostly good. Things just get tweaked a little bit.

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142 We're better taught. That's what happens. We're better taught. We receive correct doctrine. That's not what happens.

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144 When the mind of repentance comes, a sinner says, we receive life. Spiritual life. When God's spirit comes, he quickens from death to life. He regenerates life again. He causes us to live and move and have our being in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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146 What's gonna happen in the end? What's gonna happen on the day of judgment? The natural mind of man will say, whoever has done good is gonna go to heaven and whoever has done bad is gonna go to hell. No. When the mind of repentance comes, a sinner will say, there is none good, no, not one.

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148 All are sinners and the only hope we have is the redemption of the Lord Jesus Christ. Every soul the father gave to Christ is going to be saved. Every soul in Christ, in the work of Christ, is gonna be saved. Every soul the father elected and the son redeemed and the spirit called will be saved. Salvation's of the lord.

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150 That is true repentance. Salvation is not by the work of man. It's by the work of God alone. That is true repentance. My life doesn't hang on a system or a doctrine or a decision or a deed.

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152 It hangs on a person. I don't need religion. I need Jesus Christ. That's repentance. He's my hope.

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154 He's my life. He's my salvation. He's my all. That's repentance. I'm just a sinner.

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156 Nothing at all. Jesus Christ is my all and in all. I pray God will give us the ability to see that and believe that and cling to that alone. Jesus Christ alone. Amen.