



Matthew 26v69-27v10

THE COWARD AND THE CULPRIT

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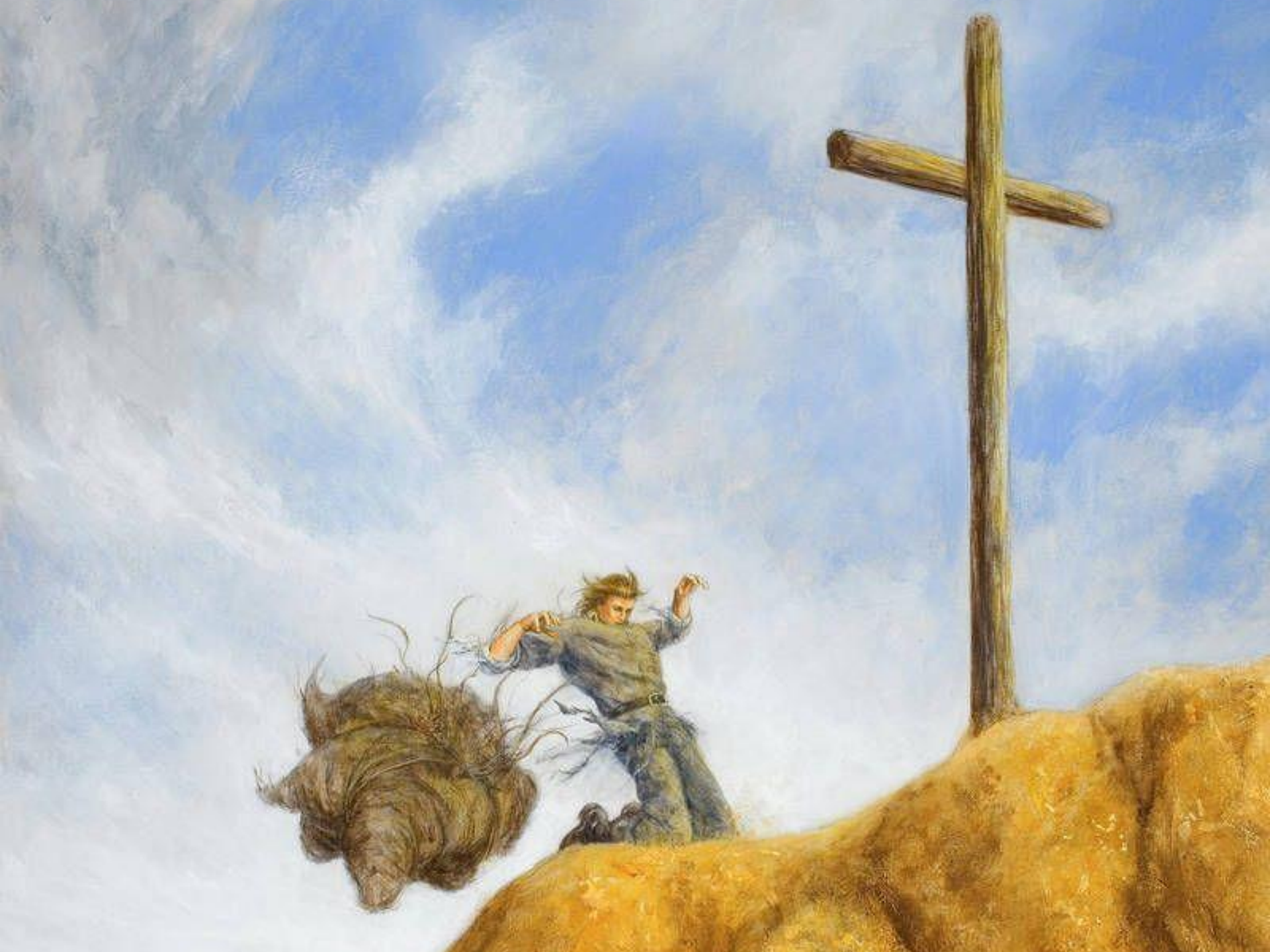
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V69: Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came to him. 'You also were with Jesus of Galilee,' she said.

V70: But he denied it before them all. 'I don't know what you're talking about,' he said.

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V71: Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant-girl saw him and said to the people there, 'This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.'

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V73: After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, 'Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away.'

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V74: Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, 'I don't know the man!'

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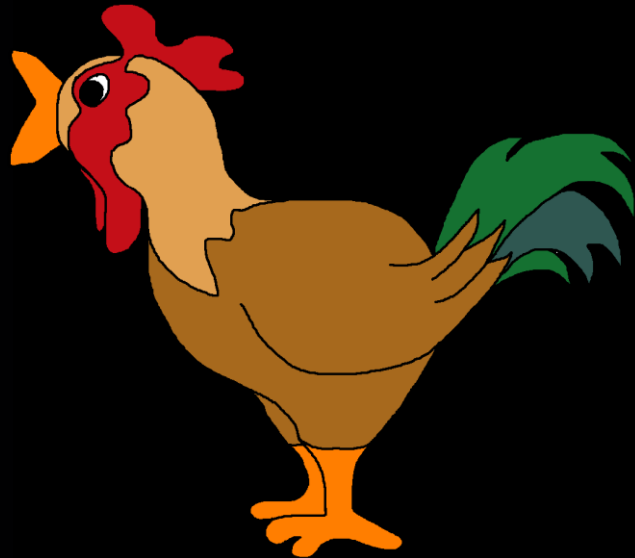
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“A tree may fall with a great crash, but the rot set in years before!” (JC Ryle)

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V3: When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.



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V4: 'I have sinned,' he said, 'for I have betrayed innocent blood.'

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V5: Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.



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“It is possible for a man to feel his sins and be sorry for them – to be under strong convictions of guilt, and express deep remorse – to be pricked in conscience, and exhibit much distress of mind – and yet for all this, not repent with his heart.”

JC Ryle

2) The Demise of Judas

V19-23: Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God...

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²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

3) The Dullness of the Chief Priests

V6-8: The chief priests picked up the coins and said, 'It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.'

⁷ So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. ⁸ That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

3) The Dullness of the Chief Priests

V1-2: Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed. ² So they bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

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Heb 9v22: ... without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness



