

# HBC Message Outline

**Title:** *“I have betrayed innocent blood...”*

**Text:** *Matthew 27: 1-5*

**Date and Time:** *Sunday, September 3, 2017 at 10:30 am*

**Introduction:** One of the most awful deeds that a person can ever do is to become a traitor:

- Many have betrayed their country.
- Many have betrayed their companies.
- Many have betrayed their families.
- Many have betrayed their spouses.
- Many have betrayed their Churches.

**But**, there is only one man who ever betrayed Jesus into the hands of sinful men to be crucified. That man is *Judas Iscariot*. He met with the Chief Priest. The Chief Priest bought Judas for thirty pieces of silver. Judas led a band of soldiers to the Garden of Gethsemane, where he knew that Jesus would be, then and there he betrayed Christ into their hands, with a kiss on the cheek. Judas became the consummate betrayer, the traitor of all time, the namesake of all traitors...JUDAS!

**Now**, in our verses, Judas feeling guilty, comes back to the Chief Priest and the Elders of the Sanhedrin. He cries out to them in total admission of his wrongful deed: *“I have betrayed innocent blood...”* and he certainly did when he betrayed the Son of God to be crucified!

**No** Christian likes Judas. He is seen as the embodiment of evil in all of our eyes. However, how do we feel about ourselves when we haplessly betray our Christ? Well, let's see:

1. Jn. 14: 15. **When we let our guard down?**
2. Eph. 4: 26. **When we lose our control?**
3. Heb. 10: 25. **When we leave our Church?**
4. I Cor. 6: 19-20. **When we live loose?**
5. Col. 3: 12-15. **When we lack forgiveness?**
6. I Jn. 1: 5-10. **When we linger in our sin?**