

Title: WEEK THREE - Judas

Matthew 26.47-49

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If an enemy were insulting me, I could endure it; if a foe were rising against me, I could hide. But it is you, a man like myself, my companion, my close friend, with whom I once enjoyed sweet fellowship at the house of God, as we walked about among the worshipers. - Psalm 55.12-14, ©NIV

But Judas went about in this world as a great model of impiety. He became so bloated in the flesh that he could not pass through a place that was easily wide enough for a wagon - not even his swollen head could fit. They say that his eyelids swelled to such an extent that he could not see the light at all; and a doctor could not see his eyes even with an optical device, so deeply sunken they were in the surrounding flesh. And his genitals became more disgusting and more swollen than anyone's; simply by relieving himself, to his wanton shame, he emitted puss and worms that flowed through his entire body. And they say that after he suffered numerous torments and punishments, he died on his own land, and that land has been, until now, desolate and uninhabited because of the stench. Indeed, even to this day no one can pass by the place without holding his nose. This was how great an outpouring he made from his flesh on the ground. - Apollinarius of Laodicea

In each of Satan's three mouths he crunched a sinner, with teeth like those that rake hemp and flax, keeping three sinners constantly in pain; the one in front - the biting he endured was nothing like the clawing he took: sometimes his back was raked clean of its skin. "That soul up there who suffers most of all," my guide explained, "is Judas Iscariot: the one with head inside and legs out kicking." - Dante Alighieri, Divine Comedy, Inferno, Canto 38.51-59

Oh! All of you demons of Hell, do you wish to be at my side? Come, all of you, be here at my death my soul is leaving, my neck breaking! Oh! I feel my stomach bursting! Oh! The devil inside me, tearing up my guts, because I was so disloyal and betrayed my Master. - Translated from Jeffery Kahn, Judas Iscariot: A Vehicle of Medieval Didacticism

John 13.18-30

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