

# Acts 1:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

## Analysis

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The gruesome details of Judas' death - 'falling headlong, he burst asunder' - demonstrate the wages of sin. The 'field of blood' became a memorial to treachery. Luke provides different details than Matthew 27:5 (hanging), likely describing what happened to the body afterward.

## Historical Context

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The 'reward of iniquity' was the thirty pieces of silver (Matthew 27:3-10). The field purchased with blood money became Akeldama, a Gentile burial ground - a perpetual testimony to the betrayer's fate.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. What does Judas' end teach about the ultimate consequences of betraying Christ?

2. How do you reconcile the different accounts of Judas' death in a way that honors Scripture's integrity?

## Interlinear Text

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Οὗτος	μὲν	οὖν	ἐκτήσατο	χωρίον	ἐκ	τοῦ	μισθοῦ	τῆς
<b>this man</b>	<b>Now</b>	G3767	<b>purchased</b>	<b>a field</b>	<b>with</b>	G3588	<b>the reward</b>	G3588
G3778	G3303		G2932	G5564	G1537		G3408	
ἀδικίας	καὶ	πρηνὲς	γενόμενος	ἐλάκησεν	μέσος	καὶ		
<b>of iniquity</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>headlong</b>	<b>falling</b>	<b>he burst asunder</b>	<b>in the midst</b>	<b>and</b>		
G93	G2532	G4248	G1096	G2997	G3319	G2532		
ἐξεχύθη	πάντα	τὰ	σπλάγχνα	αὐτοῦ·				
<b>gushed out</b>	<b>all</b>	G3588	<b>bowels</b>	<b>his</b>				
G1632	G3956		G4698	G846				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 55:15** (Parallel theme): Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.

**Psalms 55:23** (Parallel theme): But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.