

# Matthew 27:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

## Analysis

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**And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me** (ἔδωκαν αὐτὰ εἰς τὸν ἀγρὸν τοῦ κεραμέως)—Matthew quotes Zechariah 11:13, showing Judas's betrayal money purchased a burial ground for foreigners, fulfilling prophecy. The Greek kerameus (potter) connects to Jeremiah 18-19's imagery of God as potter, Israel as clay. This field became Akeldama, 'Field of Blood' (Acts 1:19), a permanent witness to priestly corruption.

Matthew alone records this fulfillment detail, demonstrating Jesus's death occurred exactly according to God's sovereign plan. What seemed like tragic chaos—betrayal, suicide, blood money—was God's appointed means of redemption.

## Historical Context

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The potter's field was likely in the Hinnom Valley south of Jerusalem, traditionally a potter's clay source and later a garbage dump. Under Roman occupation, Jewish leaders needed Roman approval for executions, driving the events of Jesus's trial.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

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

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

### Study Questions

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1. How does the fulfillment of obscure prophecies like Zechariah 11:13 strengthen your confidence in Scripture's divine inspiration?
2. What does the transformation of betrayal money into a burial field for strangers reveal about God's redemptive purposes in tragedy?

### Interlinear Text

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καὶ	ἔδωκαν	αὐτὰ	εἰς	τὸν	ἀγρὸν	τοῦ	κεραμέως	καθὰ
<b>And</b>	<b>gave</b>	<b>them</b>	<b>for</b>	G3588	<b>field</b>	G3588	<b>the potter's</b>	<b>as</b>
G2532	G1325	G846	G1519		G68		G2763	G2505
συνέταξέν	μοι	κύριος						
<b>appointed</b>	<b>me</b>	<b>the Lord</b>						
G4929	G3427	G2962						

### Additional Cross-References

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**Zechariah 11:13** (References Lord): And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.