

**The Final Week (Thursday):
Betrayal and Denial Foretold**
Looking into the Face of Jesus
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Introduction

The texts for this lesson are Matthew 26:21-25, 31-35; Mark 14:18-21, 27-31; Luke 22:21-23, 31-38; and John 13:21-38. Please open your Bibles to John 13.

How do people know you are a follower of God?

How can we love like Jesus?

Remember, we are less than 24 hours from Jesus' death. They went to the upper room. They started the Passover feast. They argued about who was the greatest. Jesus washed their feet. Now, we keep moving forward with the events of this night.

Also remember that we do not know the exact order of these events.

Let us read John 13:21-38 (read).

We begin our study by exploring . . .

The Text (John 13:21-38)

John 13:21 tells us that Jesus was "troubled in His spirit." There could be a lot of reasons Jesus was troubled. He could have been troubled because He knew the time was here, and He knew what He was going to have to endure. It seems He was also troubled because He was about to be betrayed by Judas.

John 13:21 also records Jesus' words, "Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray me." He has already said, while He was washing their feet, that someone would betray Him. Try to picture the moment. The disciples were looking around confused (John 13:22). John (the disciple Jesus loved) was sitting next to Jesus (John 13:23). Peter motioned over to John because he wanted John to ask (John 13:24). So, John did ask, "Lord, who is it?" (John 13:25). It seems that Jesus now made it obvious. He said, "whom I will give this morsel of bread" (John 13:26). And in John 13:27 we are told that He dipped the bread and then gave to Judas.

Judas was revealed. John 13:27 tells us, "Satan entered into him." But Satan had already entered Judas? Remember when he went to the Sanhedrin the first time? Now it says Satan entered him again. Could this mean that Judas was for a moment having second thoughts? Maybe he was being moved by Jesus and His words. But still, Judas gave way to the devil.

In John 13:27 Jesus told him to do whatever he was going to do quickly. Jesus did not want Judas to leave earlier because He had much to accomplish that night. Apparently, Jesus knew He now had enough time to accomplish whatever else was needed.

But in John 13:28, notice that the disciples still did not get it. They just thought that Jesus was telling him to go buy more food for the feast. Did they simply not hear what Jesus said about the morsel of bread? Did they just not believe that it could be Judas? Judas was the only apostle from Judea and, thus,

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Who are you most like? Judas? Peter? Jesus?
of love do you have for others?

Earlier in this lesson, we talked about the love we should have. What kind
Conclusion

people truly know we are Christ's disciples?
Him? Are we seeking Christ? Do we love others like Christ commands us too? Do
Are we like Jesus and glorifying God? Are we allowing our lives to glorify
intentions of doing wrong, but we simply struggle and fall at times.
Are we like Peter? We have a great heart, but we are still weak. We have no

hypocrite?
anything wrong, but our heart is simply just not right? Are living a life of a
into our lives? Are we an individual who no one can believe would ever do
Are we like Judas? Have we kicked the devil out, only to allow him back
Application

Now we should turn our attention to the . . .
the rooster crowed. All of the other disciples said the same thing.
Him. He told Peter that, as a matter of fact, he would deny Him three times before
13:37). Jesus challenged Peter (John 13:38). He asked if he was sure he will die for
(John 13:36). Peter affirmed that he was willing to lay down his life for Jesus (John
denial (John 13:36-38). Peter was worried about where Jesus said He was going
Jesus then makes another heartbreaking prediction. He foretold Peter's
know we are Christ's disciple.
you." We must love each other; it is a commandment. This is how people will
It was only new because of how He tells us to love. He said to love "as I have loved
Jesus then gives a "new commandment:" "Love one another (John 13:34, 35).
death?
that they cannot go where He is going. Is that place heaven? Is that place His
to ensure Christ is glorified (John 13:32). In John 13:33 He reminds His apostles
glorified (John 13:31-35). Jesus is going to glorify God (John 13:31). God is going
Despite how all that is going to happen may appear, the Son of Man will be
moment due to this betrayal.
emphasis than just a time stamp. These are ominous words signifying the awful
This is probably just a time stamp, but many commentators think it has more
John 13:30 tells us that Judas immediately went out. "And it was night."
charge of the money.
was probably the most educated. They trusted him so much that they put him in