

Jesus Begins Preparing His Disciples (John 13:21-38)

I. Jesus Prepares Them For His Betrayal (21-30)

A. Jesus Announces His Betrayal (21-26)

1. Jesus Reveals the Plot to Betray Him (21-22)

- a. Jesus says one of his own disciples will betray him (21)
 - i. Jesus was troubled again in his Spirit
 - ii. He was all man and all God
 - iii. He felt the sting of what was coming like you or I would
 - iv. He told them one among them would betray him and give him over

b. Jesus' announcement troubles the disciples (22)

- i. They were at a loss when he said this – they couldn't believe what they were hearing
- ii. Luke 22:23 says they questioned one another as to who it might be
- iii. Mark 14:18 says each man questioned whether he was the one who would betray Jesus
 - They inherently knew that their hearts were evil and they could potentially betray him
 - They also knew that anyone else at the table could also
 - Later we will see Peter overestimates his own goodness

2. Jesus Reveals the Betrayer to John (the disciple Jesus loved) (23-26)

a. Jesus informs John of Whom He speaks (23-25)

- i. John reclined at Jesus' side (23)
 - The Table would have been 6 inches or so off the floor and each man would have their head toward the table, leaning on their left elbow, with their feet extended out from the table.
 - John would have been on Jesus' right so that all he had to do was lean his head back and he was right in Jesus' face

ii. Peter incited John to ask Jesus the betrayers Identity (24-25)

b. Jesus Points out Judas as the Betrayers (26)

- i. John is an eyewitness to these things and he testified as to what he has seen
- ii. John alone now knows the identity of the betrayer, it is clear from the rest of the chapter

that the other disciples still didn't know it was Judas

- iii. Jesus points Judas out to John by giving him a morsel of bread

B. Jesus Accepts the Father's Purpose in His Betrayal (27-30)

1. Jesus Submits to the Father's Will (27a)

- a. Satan enters Judas after he had taken the morsel of bread
 - i. The handing of the bread didn't cause Judas to be entered by Satan. Judas has already arranged to betray Jesus before the meal.
 - ii. Here we see Jesus, knowing his betrayer, submitting to the plan of the Father for His crucifixion.
 - iii. Satan was no mastermind behind this plan, He was the tool used to accomplish our redemption
 - iv. Satan made sure Judas didn't stop short of betraying Jesus
 - v. But Remember that Judas is still responsible for his actions – he was not taken over like a robot and forced to do anything – He followed the desires of his heart.

b. Jesus Tells Judas to Act quickly (27b)

- i. Jesus didn't seek to rebuke or expose Judas
- ii. Jesus knew that his death must occur to bring life to the world
- iii. In the midst of all the pressure and torment, Jesus basically tells Judas to hurry up and get it over with.

2. Jesus' Disciples Still Didn't Understand the Father's will (28-30)

a. The disciples didn't understand Jesus' statement to Judas (28-29)

- i. They hear him say, "do it quickly" but they thought he was talking about something else
 - Maybe going to buy something else for the feast
 - Maybe going to give money to the poor
- ii. Now only Jesus, John, and Judas were aware that Judas was the betrayer. And not Judas knew that Jesus was aware of his betrayal.

b. Judas Left After Jesus revealed his betrayal

- i. I wonder what it felt like walking into the night on your way to betray Jesus?

- ii. I wonder what it felt like knowing that Jesus knew exactly what he had done and what he was about to do?
 - iii. Probably the same way it feels today when we sin
 - C. Judas' heart is hardened and wicked – and He is fully aware of it.
- II. Jesus Prepares The Disciples for His Departure (31-38)
 - A. Jesus Makes Sure they Know God's Glory is His Purpose (31-32)
 - 1. Jesus intends to glorify God in his actions (31)
 - a. He is not here to be comfortable or lauded
 - b. He is here to love and serve
 - c. He is here to glorify the Father by dying
 - d. This is why he will not stray from his path
 - 2. Jesus expects the Father to glorify him (32)
 - a. He knows that death means life with the Father
 - b. He is receiving his rightful place again (John 17:5)
 - c. He knows to lose one's life in God's service is to gain life eternal
 - d. He trusts in His Father's word
 - B. Jesus Commands Them to Love One Another (33-35)
 - 1. Jesus tells them of his soon departure (33)
 - a. They will seek him but they cannot come with him yet
 - b. There will be a time when they come where he is (John 14) but that time isn't yet.
 - c. They are not yet ready to give all for Christ
 - d. They are not yet ready to give all for his ministry
 - 2. Jesus Commands them to Love (34-35)
 - a. They Must love one another as Jesus has loved them (34)
 - i. Why is this a "new" commandment?
 - ii. This love is a special love through Christ for the brethren
 - iii. This love is a sacrificial love, just as Jesus washed their feet so they should serve one another
 - b. They Must love one another so the world will see (35)
 - i. Their love for one another distinguishes them as Christ's disciples
 - ii. Their love for one another is an evidence that they belong to Christ
 - C. Jesus Loves Them In Spite of Their Deceitful Hearts (36-38)
 - 1. Peter Self-Reliantly Overestimates His Strength (36-37)
 - a. The Disciples aren't ready to Follow Jesus Yet (36)
 - i. Jesus tells him that he cannot but he will follow later
 - ii. Jesus is telling Peter that he is not ready yet

- iii. Jesus is telling Peter that the world is not ready for them to leave yet
 - iv. They have many more feet to wash and messages to preach
 - b. Peter Arrogantly Claims He is Ready (37)
 - i. Peter wants to go right now
 - ii. He says he will give everything for Jesus
 - iii. He doesn't understand the weakness of his own heart
 - iv. He doesn't understand that without Christ and the Holy Spirit he is absolutely nothing
 - v. He is relying on his own goodness and strength
- 2. Jesus Knows Peter and Still Loves Him (38)
 - a. Jesus asks "will you really lay down your life?"
 - b. Jesus reveals Peter's true heart
 - i. Before the night is over Peter will deny him three times
 - ii. Peter has said that he will give all his life
 - iii. Jesus tells him he won't even last the night
- D. Peter's heart is wicked and deceitful just like Judas' heart, but he thinks he is righteous and he can operate in his own strength. He is going to find out different.