

Eternal Life Through Believing in Jesus

34) Jesus Betrayed...And Glorified

'I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, "He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me." Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me'
(John 13:18-20)

- ✓ **Jesus forewarned that one of the Twelve would betray Him. This was foretold in the Scriptures**
- ✓ **Even though Jesus foresaw this, and it was predicted in the OT, it was Judas' choice that was foreseen. He was not predestined to this act**
- ✓ **Jesus quoted Psalm 41, where David said that though he was assailed by many foes, the betrayal by a close friend was far worse. To lift the heel is to kick suddenly like a horse might do to its owner**
- ✓ **Jesus compares the union between us and Him with that between Him and the Father. Paul *said, 'Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God' (2 Cor.5:20)***

'When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke. Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke. Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon'

(John 13:21-26)

- ✓ **The word 'troubled' is the same word used when Jesus was at the grave of Lazarus. He was not emotionally detached from the events surrounding His death. His announcement about betrayal startled the disciples, though He announced it at least a year earlier in John 6:70**
- ✓ **Maybe Peter wanted to know who it was so he could prevent it. He beckoned to John to ask who it would be. Jesus said it would be the one to whom He gave the special morsel of bread**
- ✓ ***'Whom Jesus loved'* John referred to himself this way 4 times in his Gospel. But John never says it is him. He hides behind the love of Jesus, which proves that John gloried in the love of Christ, but did not boast of it egotistically**

'Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him. For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy those things we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night'

(John 13:27-30)

- ✓ **For Jesus to speak to Judas privately he probably would have been on His immediate left. (John on His right). The disciples thought Judas had some business regarding preparing for the feast of Passover or giving to the poor**
- ✓ **Judas' last opportunity to renounce his wicked intention was now passed. He belonged to Satan. He had reached the point of no return**
- ✓ **It is not failure which opens us up to Satan. Rather, failure opens us up to Jesus. It is rejection of Jesus which opens a person to Satan**
- ✓ **He knew, 1) he had been discovered; 2) he was still loved, the morsel was a token of friendliness He shut his heart against them both. It was night**

'So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you. A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another"'

(John 13:31-35)

- ✓ **Death was now certain. Jesus had deliberately walked into the storm**
- ✓ **This is the last usage of the term 'Son of Man' in John. Jesus is the representative of humanity before God. He is the perfection of humanity. And He perfectly represents God to humanity**
- ✓ **The term 'glorified' is used 5 times in vs31-32. Jesus used it in reference to His death, resurrection and ascension.**
- ✓ **The world looked at the cross and could only say, *humiliated, disgraced, cursed*. Jesus looked at the cross, and knowing what would be accomplished by it, could say, *glorified* because...**

1) In the cross He performed the greatest work which the whole history of the entire universe ever witnessed. It was the means of our salvation

2) At the cross He reversed the conduct of Adam

3) Through death He destroyed him who had the power of death, (Heb. 2:14)

'Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father'

(Phil. 2:9-11)

***'Little children' is a term of Jesus' tender affection for the disciples. (Used 7 times in 1 John and also in Gal.4:19). Like a hen spreading its wings over its young, Jesus now cares for His disciples**

***Where Jesus was going, they could not come. In His great work of redemption, He was alone.**

'There shall be no man in the tabernacle of meeting when he goes in to make atonement in the Holy Place, until he comes out' (Lev. 16:17)

***'I shall be with you a little while longer' would have been like an earthquake to the disciples**

***The new commandment was that they love one another as He has loved them. Love is the badge of Christian discipleship. Success or failure is tested by this - did we love?**

'Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward." Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake." Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times'
(John 13:36-38)

***Jesus is preparing His disciples for a new way of living – dependence upon the Holy Spirit. This is our way of life too**

***The difference between Judas and Peter is that Judas would prove to be a pretender, but Peter a weak believer. Outwardly Judas posed as a disciple of Christ, while outwardly Peter, for a while, appeared as an apostate. Satan would desire to have him as he had Judas, but Jesus prayed for him. And He intercedes for us also**

***Though he would fall, he would also rise again. Before 3.00am Peter will deny Him 3 times. And yet the Lord did not cast him off. He loved Peter 'unto the end,' and after His resurrection sought him out and restored him to fellowship again. In the same way He loves us too. In our salvation the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in Him!**