



John 13:27-38, Lesson#42

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John 13:27-30, “As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. So, Jesus told him, “What you are about to do, do quickly.” ²⁸ But no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. ²⁹ Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the festival, or to give something to the poor. ³⁰ As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

- It was already in the heart of Judas to betray Jesus ([John 13:2](#)). Yet when Judas rejected the love and favor of Jesus it broke the barrier of desiring good and desiring bad/wholesome things within his spirit man (choices)...and **Satan entered him**.
- Again... “Satan could not have entered into him had he not granted him admission. Had Judas been willing to say ‘No’ to the adversary, all of his Master’s power was available to him.”

“His act, however, was more than an incidental act of treachery; he sold himself to the power of evil.” (Tenney)

- Judas shows us that fallen man needs more than an example and even more than good teaching. Judas had the best example and the greatest Teacher and was still lost.

John 13:31-35, When he (Judas) was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. ³³ “My little children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

- The world looked at the cross and could only say...humiliated, disgraced, cursed. Jesus looked at the cross and knowing what would be accomplished at it could truthfully say, “glorified.”
- This is the only place in the Gospels where Jesus addressed His disciples as little children. He didn’t mean it as an insult. He meant it with a sense of tenderness and care. He addresses them in a way that they should know there was more to come.
- This announcement was a shock and most disappointing statement that Jesus could have made. “He’s leaving after being with us for 3 years. Our world has been banking on you for our leader and Messiah.”
- **That you love one another:** We might have thought the new commandment was for us to love Jesus in an outstanding way. Instead, Jesus directed them and us

to love one another, emphasizing that there should be a special presence of love among followers of Jesus Christ.

John 13:36-38, “Simon Peter asked him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus replied, “Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.”³⁷ Peter asked, “Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.”³⁸ Then Jesus answered, “Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!

We believe:

- ✓ Peter would have died for Jesus right then...but he later failed because his **devotion was based on emotion**, and in the **soon-to-come crisis emotion would fail him**.
- ✓ Peter’s denial of Jesus was a spontaneous choice (emotion). Peter’s denial was terrible, but it wasn’t the same as what Judas did (planned and calculated denial).
- ✓ We see a different Peter when his walk is no longer built on emotion, but on the work of Jesus on the cross and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Till you have denied (disowned) Me three times:

- ✓ Peter confidently said that he would follow Jesus and even die for him. Yet when the test came, he could not stand the test (a servant-girl’s tongue was sharper than an executioner’s sword).
- ✓ Before the next morning dawned, he would deny he even knew Jesus **three times**.

PRAISE GOD FOR A SAVIOR WHO PATIENTLY WAITS FOR THE SINNER TO COME HOME!

JESUS STILL WAITS FOR US TO REPENT...STILL WAITS FOR US TO KNOW WHAT IS RIGHT AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT!

HE KNOWS WE ARE HIS DISCIPLES IN THIS AGE OF DECEPTION AND TURMOIL!

BE LOYAL TO HIS CAUSE UNTIL YOU CROSS THE FINISH LINE!