

“ONE OF YOU WILL BETRAY ME”

John 13:21-30

Introduction

One of you will betray me. How would you respond?

Jesus Is Troubled

Psalm 42:11

Can you handle/accept a “Jesus” that feels deep emotion like this? Does He fit into your view of God or does your view need to expand?

Notice that He is troubled about something that is God’s Will! Jesus has known this for quite awhile.

No surprises and yet...it hurts Him. He feels it.

When others respond this way, do we still accept them or do we try to correct them?

One of You is a Traitor!

Jesus drops the bomb on them. Could they have expected this?

The text tells us that they looked at one another. How? Was it in disbelief? Was it smug like they always knew so and so was not quite right? They don’t know who it was.

Mark 14:18-20 They each asked Him if it was them. This helps fill out the picture.

They Don’t Look Different

Judas was trusted even though he was getting away with stealing. *John 12:6*

No one really knew who was the betrayer. He fit in. He went out and was healing people. He went out sharing the gospel. He was one of the 12 that spent all their time with Jesus.

Close proximity to Jesus, being in the group, does not guarantee that someone is a member of the kingdom of God.

Peter asks about who it might be. Logical right? He probably has the question asked privately, but it is answered publicly. *Mark 14:18-20*

We know this is shocking to them because of how they respond to Jesus’ answer. They hear how Jesus is going to let them know and yet they still don’t connect all of that to Judas being the one who will betray Him.

Even Jesus’ action to point out Judas fulfills Scripture! *Psalm 41:9*

Satan Enters

When Judas takes the bread, Satan entered him. What does that mean?

Satan controls all unbelievers. *2 Corinthians 4:4*

With Judas after this moment, Satan controls him completely!

How terrifying is that?

It Is Night!

Is this simply to tell us what time it was?

Is it possible that this means more in the gospel of John?

Satan has just entered Judas’ body and is controlling him. The evil plan is being carried out. Satan thinks he is winning. *Luke 22:53*

John 1:7-9, 3:19-21, 8:12, 11:9-10, 12:35-36

Light and Darkness are Huge in John. Judas has turned to the darkness and away from the light!

So What?

God knows our hearts. We cannot play games with Him. While we may be able to fool many people in Christian groups, we will not get away with it.

Heart check time!

Is God everything to each of us? Is anything more important than Him?

What would we not be able to live without? What, if we lost it, would spiral us down into depression and discouragement?

Is Jesus the only answer for us?

Does it grieve us that some are headed to hell?

Do we care like Jesus does?