

John 13:18-30

John 13:18-20 – *“(18) I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me. (19) Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he. (20) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.”*

A. Jesus began to show the disciples that **Psalms 41:9** will be fulfilled by one of them (cf. **John 6:70-71**).

1. When Jesus said, “I know whom I have chosen”; He is showing that He chose Judas knowing that Judas would betray Him (**John 13:11** and **John 17:12**).
2. No one should ever conclude that someone could “sneak attack” Jesus (**Mathew 9:1-4**, **Mark 2:6-8**, and **John 2:23-25**).

B. Jesus told them of His betrayal by one of them BEFORE it happened so that they would know He is the Christ (**Isaiah 46:9-10**).

1. When Jesus prophesied of the destruction of Jerusalem, He told them that it would be a testimony when those things occurred (**Luke 21:5-24**).
2. He also foretold of His departure and the coming of the Holy Spirit so that they might believe (**John 14:26-29**).
3. By seeing the words of Christ fulfilled, the disciples would know whom Jesus was/is (**Deuteronomy 18:15-22**).

C. How we respond to those who bring God’s message is our response toward God as well (**Mark 9:37**).

1. Those who receive the messengers of Christ are receiving Christ (**Matthew 10:40**).
2. Those who reject the messengers of Christ are rejecting Christ (**Luke 10:16**).
3. Moreover, reception or rejection of God the Father is tied to how one receives or rejects Jesus (**John 12:44**, **I John 2:22-23**, and **II John 9**).

John 13:21-27 – *“(21) When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. (22) Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. (23) Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. (24) Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. (25) He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? (26) Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. (27) And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.”*

A. Jesus certainly faced sorrows during His time on this earth (**Isaiah 53:3**).

1. Jesus was troubled within when He saw hardened hearts (**Mark 3:1-6**).
2. Jesus was troubled within when He saw the sorrow surrounding Lazarus’ death (**John 11:33-38**).

3. Jesus was troubled within when He thought of the things surrounding His own death (**John 12:27**).
- B. There was confusion over who Jesus was saying would betray Him (**Matthew 26:22**).
 1. They inquired amongst themselves (**Luke 22:23**).
 2. There was the one “whom Jesus loved” that the disciples got to ask.
 - a. As we’ve discussed before (**John 11:1-5**), it appears this one whom Jesus loved was Lazarus.
 - b. Jesus certainly loves all of His disciples (**John 13:1, John 13:34, and John 15:8-10**).
 - c. We see similar phrases again, which APPEAR to be about Lazarus (**John 19:26, John 20:2, John 21:7, and John 21:20**).
 3. Jesus exposed Judas (**Mark 14:18-21**).
 4. Jesus indicated His time was near by telling Judas to act quickly (**John 12:23-24**).

John 13:28-30 – *“(28) Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. (29) For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. (30) He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.”*

- A. As we’ve seen before, those close to Jesus did not understand what he was telling Judas to do (cf. **Mark 9:31-32, Luke 2:40-50, John 10:6, and John 12:16**).
 1. Judas did manage the money (**John 12:4-6**).
 2. However, Jesus wasn’t instructing him on spending the money. As we’ve already noted, He was telling Judas to proceed with his betrayal (cf. **Luke 22:1-6**).
- B. Judas went out immediately on this particular night (**Psalms 36:3-4 and Proverbs 4:16**).
 1. The wicked are often swift to do evil (**Proverbs 1:16**).
 2. Those, like Judas, are an abomination to God (**Proverbs 6:16-19**).