

# “The Gospel of John: Rebellion and Betrayal”

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## Scripture

### John 13:21-30

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Jesus then answered, “**That is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel and give it to him.**” So, when He had dipped the morsel, He took and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

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Now no one of those reclining at the table knew for what purpose He had said this to him. **For some were supposing, because Judas had the money box**, that Jesus was saying to him, “Buy the things we have need of for the feast”; or else, that he should give something to the poor.

So, after receiving the morsel he went out immediately; and **it was night.**”

## Last Week

Jesus retreats with His disciples to pour His mission into them – **what topic would you lead with?**

We'll be discussing various pieces of truth over the next 5 chapters, John 13 through 17

We discussed what Jesus gave the disciples as Example Service

Jesus set the culture-> service to one another through love will dictate the culture of the group

## This Week

We look at someone that was counter-culture

**What is Counter-Culture?** -> someone who does not believe nor live as you do -> a betrayer of your culture

## One Will Betray Me!

### John 13:21

“When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, that **one of you will betray Me.**’”

“He became troubled in spirit” – second time Jesus had become “troubled”

### John 12:27

“Now My soul has become troubled; and **what shall I say, Father, save Me from this hour?** But for this purpose, I came to this hour.”

“Troubled” is the Greek word *tarasso* meaning “to be distressed or emotionally agitated”

This shows Jesus’s humanity

What are the disciples thinking when they see Jesus this way? -> How should we view this moment?

He’s faced what we have faced:

### Hebrews 4:15-16

“For we **do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.** Therefore, let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and **find grace to help in time of need.**”

We can face our emotional distress and endure it because God is faithful:

### 1 Corinthians 10:13

“**No temptation has overtaken you, but such as is common to man; and God is faithful,** who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.”

“**one of you will betray Me**” -> This was prophesied to be the “son of perdition”

### John 17:12

“While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and **not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.**”

There is another “son of perdition” to come:

### 2 Thessalonians 2:3

“Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, **the son of destruction**”

That is the Antichrist-> **we’ll discuss this passage in-depth later this evening**

Paul wrote that God created many that were meant for this doom:

### Romans 9:22 (Paul posing the rhetorical question about God’s sovereignty in salvation)

“What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, **endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction?**”

What if I were to look at you fine people today and say, "One of you is a false believer!"

What would you be doing?

**Who Is It?**

**John 13:22-25**

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The disciples start looking around at each other, evaluating what they have seen in the past

The disciples want to know who it is, just like you would want to know

The disciple whom Jesus loved -> John's humility

Peter asks the Apostle John to ask Jesus

**It's Judas!**

**John 13:26**

"Jesus then answered, "**That is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel and give it to him.**" So, when He had dipped the morsel, He took and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot."

"**That is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel and give it to him**" -> Jesus does not hide who it is

He says, "I'll tell you right now!"

It's the guy that I have known about for a long time now

Jesus knows all men -> He knew Judas was not a true believer

**John 6:64**

"There are some of you who do not believe." **For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him.**"

We saw that earlier in **John 2:**

**John 2:23-25**

"Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, **many believed in His name**, observing His signs which He was doing. But **Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them**, for He knew all men, and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man."

You might be able to fool your spouse

You might be able to mislead your friends

You might be able to convince your pastor

But you're not going to trick Jesus -> He knows if you're serious about Him or not

This is the reason why Paul wrote:

## 2 Corinthians 13:5

“**Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith**; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you-- **unless indeed you fail the test?**”

“when He had dipped the morsel, He took and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot”

Judas had to be close to Jesus

The seat of honor was the one to the right of the host

“Keep your friends close and your enemies closer”...?

It could be that Judas chose that seat to be take the seat of honor

It's clear that Peter is well away from Jesus since he asked John to ask Jesus about the betrayer

Judas is identified as the son of perdition

But then something dramatic happens:

### Satanic Possession

#### John 13:27

“After the morsel, **Satan then entered into him**. Therefore, Jesus said to him, ‘**What you do, do quickly.**’”

Satan enters Judas

This is not Satan influencing Judas like Satan influenced Peter earlier (**Matthew 16**)

This is Satanic possession

“The devil made me do it”...?

In this case, yes!

Satan had already entered Judas in the past:

#### Luke 22:3-6

“**Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, belonging to the number of the twelve**. And he went away and discussed with the chief priests and officers **how he might betray Him to them**. They were glad and agreed to give him money. So, he consented, and began seeking a good opportunity to betray Him to them apart from the crowd.”

This was BEFORE the Last Supper we are discussing today!

As I mentioned last week, this cannot happen to a believer -> a demon isn't coming anywhere near the Spirit

But those who do not belong to Jesus? -> they have no power to stop demonic possession

They have no protection from the evil one

They might utter that part of the Lord's example Prayer in **Matthew 6:13**

"And do not bring us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one."

That prayer will only be answered if you are in Christ

Satanic possession in the Old Testament?

**Isaiah 14** and **Ezekiel 28** -> Satan inside the kings of Tyre and Babylon

6 detailed cases of demon possession in the Gospels -> mental illness today could be demonic activity

- The demon possessed Gerasene(s): Mt 8:28-34; Mk 5:2-20; Lk 8: 26-39
- A demon possessed mute man: Mt 9:32-34; Lk 11:14-26
- A demon possessed blind and mute man: Mt 12:22-28
- The Canaanite or Syro-Phoenecian woman's daughter: Mt 15:22-28; Mk 7:25-30
- An epileptic boy: Mt 17:15 -21; Mk 9:14-29; Lk 9:38-43
- The man in the synagogue at Capernaum: Mk 1:21-28; Lk 4:33-36

Self-harm, multiple personalities, schizophrenia all could involve demonic activity

"What you do, do quickly" -> Greek word *tachus* -> "with immediate action or without any delay"

What Satan is going to do through Judas is going to happen quickly

What does Judas do?

He goes and closes the deal with the priests and the Pharisees for 30 pieces of silver

It is a betrayal the only beloved Son who could save Him

**Characteristics of the Betrayer**

**John 13:28-29**

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The disciples didn't know Judas was evil -> until later when Judas comes to the garden:

**John 18:2-3**

"Now Judas also, who was betraying Him, knew the place, for Jesus had often met there with His disciples. Judas then, having received the Roman cohort and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons."

They didn't know he was a thief

They didn't know that he was a liar

They didn't know that Satan had his way with him

He was a wolf in sheep's clothing

## Darkness Returns

### John 13:30

"So, after receiving the morsel he went out immediately; and **it was night.**"

"**it was night**" -> not a physical condition-> John could have said "the sun went down"

Passover began at sundown-> it was already sundown before the meal started

John is writing about spiritual darkness

Jesus was the Light of the World

The Light was about to be snuffed out

### John 3:19

"This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and **men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.**"

Spiritual blackness would be predominant on the earth from this point on

But we have the light within us:

### 1 Thessalonians 5:2-5

"For you yourselves know full well that **the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.** While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; for you are all sons of light and sons of day. **We are not of night nor of darkness.**"

We need to let it shine:

### Matthew 5:16

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

## Communion Prayer

## Benediction