



The Betrayal
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John 13:21-30, p. 900
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Introduction

In this passage God teaches us about our sin, Satan’s work, and the amazing love of God through Jesus.

The Text: John 13:21-30

1) Just as Jesus was betrayed by one of his own, so we all betray our loving Creator and holy God (vv. 21-22).

2) The “Beloved Disciple” depicts the intimate relationship between Jesus and all disciples (vv. 23-25).

(a) A chosen disciple.

(b) A privileged relationship.

(c) A special love.

3) Satan is present and active in his opposition to everything to do with Christ (vv. 26-30).

(a) Satan is very real.

(b) Satan is fully created.

(c) Satan is always battling.

(d) Satan is already defeated.

(e) Satan is to be resisted.

Response

Even when humanity betrayed him and Satan opposed him, God loved us.

Sunday Text Questions for John 13:21-30

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- 1) Starter Question: Have you ever been betrayed by someone close to you, or done the betraying?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) What does v. 21a reveal about the burden Jesus was facing as he approached the cross, and what does it teach us about his humanity?
- 4) Imagine the scene described in vv. 21b-22. Why do you think Jesus announced so boldly that a betrayer was among them, and what does the text suggest about the disciples' response?
- 5) The "disciple whom Jesus loved" (or Beloved Disciple) is an important, anonymous character who is developed throughout the Gospel of John. What is this first use of the anonymous title intending to communicate to the reader?
- 6) The physical proximity and touching described in vv. 23 and 25, though foreign to modern westerners, was a sign in that culture of commitment, respect, and trust. So what do these verses teach us about this disciple's relation to Jesus?
- 7) The entering of Satan into Judas in v. 27 is difficult to fully understand. Along with the rest of Scripture's guidance, what might that brief statement be explaining to the reader?
- 8) Even if vague, what applications might Christians draw from v. 27 regarding the work and opposition of Satan?
- 9) Read Ephesians 6:10-13, James 4:7, and 2 Corinthians 4:4. What do these texts teach us about Satan and how Christians should prepare and respond?
- 10) Concluding summary: What does this text teach us about *faith* (doctrine), *hope* (desire), and/or *love* (duty)?

Further study this week: Genesis 3 on the First Betrayal (Mon); 1 Corinthians 13 on Christian love for others (Tues); 1 John 3:1-10, especially v. 8, on the influence of Satan (Wed); Acts 5:1-11, especially v. 3, on the influence of Satan (Thurs); Romans 16:17-20, especially v. 20, on the defeat of Satan (Fri).