

Calvary Chapel Viewpoint

Care Group

Study in John

Betrayal

¹⁸ **I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.** ¹⁹ **I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he.** ²⁰ **Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.**

One of You Will Betray Me

²¹ After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, **Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.** ²² The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. ²³ One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side, so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵ So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" ²⁶ Jesus answered, **It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it.** So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, **What you are going to do, do quickly.** ²⁸ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹ Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰ So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

A New Commandment

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, **Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once.** ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, "Where I am going you cannot come." ³⁴ **A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.** ³⁵ **By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.**

Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial

³⁶ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, **Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward.** ³⁷ Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." ³⁸ Jesus answered, **Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.**

This passage marks the final conversation between Jesus with His disciples before the crucifixion the following day.

Verses 18-30

Jesus is prophesying about a specific future event. What is going to happen?

How could Judas betray Jesus? How do you explain that?

What is the value of prophecy as seen in verses 18 and 19?

Application: What's your favorite prophecy that is yet to be fulfilled?

Why is Jesus troubled in spirit?

Who is the "disciple that Jesus loves?"

Why don't the disciples understand that Judas is the betrayer

If that is the case, at what point could Judas have reversed everything?

Verses 31-38

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What is Jesus talking about that will glorify both the Father and the Son in verse 32?

How did Jesus glorify the Father?

Application: What is the work that God has given us to do?

How can the crucifixion be glorification? The answer is in what the crucifixion means. It is the most significant point of world history! In the cross we see:

- ***The defeat of Satan for all time.***
- ***Victory over sin. The sins of all of mankind were paid for.***
- ***God's justice is both revealed and satisfied.***

- *The faithfulness of God is revealed at the cross. Very early in the Old Testament period we find God promising a deliverer. Adam and Eve are in the garden. They have sinned. They have eaten of the fruit of the forbidden tree. When God comes to them in the garden they hide from His presence. They are sinful, God is holy, and they cannot stand the sight of His holiness. The Lord asks, "What have you done?" and the whole story comes out. Then, in promised blessing, God points to the future and says, "The day is coming when the seed of the woman will rise and crush the head of the serpent." In Genesis 3:15 the redeemer is promised.*
- *God's grace is revealed at the cross where He says in essence, "I'm going to provide a solution to your sin problem because you can't." There was no other way for men to be saved except through the perfect sacrifice which only God could provide.*
- *God's love is revealed at Calvary. Nothing in all history reveals God's love as does the cross of Jesus Christ. In fact, so great is this revelation of His love that God appeals to it as proof of His love. Romans 5:8 says, "But God demonstrates his love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

At the cross, Jesus reverses the consequences of the first Adam's conduct and thus turns the history of our race around. (Christ is referred to as the second Adam.) Paul explains this in detail in Romans 5:18-19, "Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous."

What do you think was going through the disciples' minds when Jesus says in verse 33: "I will be with you only a little longer....Where I am going, you cannot come?"

In verse 34, how is Jesus giving a new command?

Why does Jesus give them a new command?

What mistakes does Peter make in verses 36-38 as he responds to Jesus' statement in verse 33?

Application: Before we are too quick to be critical of Peter, there is probably a little bit of Peter in all of us.

With all of Peter's flaws and failings, why doesn't Jesus kick Peter off the team?