

Gospel of John

[Jesus' Prediction of His Betrayal (Part 1) (John 13:18-21)]

I. The Betrayal Predicted (vs. 18-21)

-Necessary Qualification (v. 18)

- Jesus knows who His true followers are (2 Tim. 2:19).
- Betrayal is a particularly painful trial, but it should not be allowed to prevent us from trusting people (1 Cor. 13:7).
- Jesus knew the betrayal was a part of God's plan (Ps. 41:9).

-Purposeful Determination (v. 19)

- Jesus is Yahweh of the OT (I AM: Is. 45:18).
- Jesus' prescience is intended to elicit faith in Him as the incarnate God (Is. 46:10; 48:3f; Ezek. 24:24; John 14:29).

-Thoughtful Consolation (v. 20)

- Jesus distinguishes the disciples from the betrayer in terms of their posture toward Him (John 5:23) and their mission (John 20:21).
- Both they and their work have great value to Him.

-Express Affirmation (v. 21)

- Only the one who endures to the end will be saved (Matt. 24:13; Mark 13:13).
- Jesus was troubled in spirit (John 11:33; 12:27), a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief (Is. 53:3). Therefore He is able to be a merciful and faithful High Priest (Heb. 2:18).