

**John 13:18-30**  
*The Great Betrayal*  
(Pt. 2)

**INTRO:** “Nothing is as painful as the suffering we endure at the hands of so-called friends.”

Six Timeless Truths

Judas’ Great Betrayal:

**1) Highlights the Perfect \_\_\_\_\_ of the Divine Messiah.**

*(John 13:1a; 3; 10-11; 18-19; 21)*

**2) Fulfills the Sovereign Plan of God Almighty.**

*(John 13:18; Psalm 41; 55; Rom. 8:28f)*

**3) What Satan Intends for \_\_\_\_\_, God Works for Good!**

*(John 13:2;19; Genesis 50:20; Lam. 3; Acts 2:22-24)*

**4) In No Way Alters the \_\_\_\_\_ or Message of Jesus’ Ambassadors.**

*(John 13:20; 2 Cor. 5:17-21)*

Judas' Treacherous Betrayal

**5) Further Demonstrates Jesus' Genuine \_\_\_\_\_.**

*(John 13:21; 11:33; 1:14; 4:6; 1 John 4:2; 2 John 7)*

Judas' Betrayal reminds us that (unlike the Son of God)

**6) Sometimes Believing Disciples are Caught \_\_\_\_\_.**

*(John 13:22-30)*

**For Further Reflection/Application:** *Lord help us to be “effectually doers” of the Word!*

How were you particularly comforted/encouraged/challenged as you listened to God’s Word?

What do you want to study further as a result of this morning’s sermon?

What does John 13:18-30 teach us about Jesus? His identity, mission, dual natures, etc? Do you wrestle more with the God-ness of Jesus, or with his humanity?

How does this Christ-centered sermon fuel our worship? How does it impact our sanctification (as our faith deepens and our love for Jesus increases)? How might it serve us in our evangelistic interactions and as we defend the faith/the biblical Jesus (apologetics)?

Think about God’s Divine Omniscience. *“Yahweh knows everything: everything possible, everything actual; all events, all creatures. He is perfectly acquainted with every detail in the life of every being in heaven, in earth, and in hell. Nothing can be hidden from Him!”* (Dan. 2:22; Psalm 139)! What are some practical ways we can respond to this Divine attribute? Perfect knowledge without perfect humility and love (John 13:1-17) could lead to pride (2 Cor. 8:1).

Talk about the sinister schemes of Satan in relation to Judas’ infamous betrayal (John 13:2; 27). What evil/bad things did the Devil hope to accomplish through this treacherous deed? Talk about the many ways sovereign God worked good out of evil. How should truths 2 and 3 encourage/instruct God’s people (disciples of Jesus) today? Rom. 8:28f; Gen. 50:20.

Many believers are devastated when a well-known “professing” Christian (especially when it’s a leader) deny the faith. Our faith must ultimately rest in God (not men). Recent examples include Joshua Harris, Hank Hanegraaf, Dave Gass, Marty Sampson, and perhaps Ravi Zacharias. The disciples are initially stunned over Jesus’ predication of there being a betrayer among them; a bad apple (John 13:18-19). With this in mind, discuss Truth 4 (John 13:20).

Belief in the sovereignty of God does not eliminate all of our grief/sorrow/heartaches in this sin-cursed world. It does help us to lament with hope (Lamentations 3; John 13:21; John 11:1 Thess. 4:13-18). Are you grieving yet still very much believing? (note also John 11).

Talk about the sanctifying benefits of studying biblical prophecy, especially Messianic prophecies (John 13:18-19).

How is Jesus’ absolute Deity illustrated in John 13? How is His genuine humanity displayed? “Truly God He became truly man; two natures in 1 person;” we should marvel over the hypostatic union of Christ; John 1:1-18. Memorize Colossians 1:19-20; 2:9; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 4:15-16.

Sometimes even believing disciples are caught completely off guard. “We don’t know everything the future may hold, but we know who holds the future.” We know who the Author of history is, and we know the God of biblical prophecy is faithful and true! We know every promise God makes, He keeps. Note Proverbs 30:5.

Religious unbelievers can play church and may be able to fool their Christian family and friends (even their pastor); but you can never fool the Lord Jesus Christ (Eccl. 12:13-14; John 13:24-30). Note also the warning passages in Hebrews (Heb. 6:4-6; 12:15-17).

Previous Sermon Outline of John 13:1-17

- 1) The Model of Humble Love; (*John 13:1-5*;) )
- 2) The Symbol of Spiritual Cleansing; (*John 13:6-11*)
- 3) The Pattern of Christ-like Conduct; (*John 13:12-17*)

**A Christ-centered sermon from John's Gospel is inherently practical and ought to impact at least one of the five facets of faith:**

1) <b>Our Worship</b>	<i>As we see and savor Christ for who He truly is!</i>  (John 4:23-24)
2) <b>Our Progressive Sanctification</b>	<i>As we in faith behold His glory, we should become increasingly Christ-like!</i>  (2 Cor. 3:18-19; 2 Pet. 1)
3) <b>Our Core Doctrine</b>	<i>As we more firmly embrace the Person, Work, and Words of Christ!</i>  (2 Cor. 10-11)
4) <b>Our Apologetics</b>	<i>As we more effectively defend the biblical Jesus in a world full of lies and many counterfeit Christs!</i>  (Jude 3-4; 1 Peter 3:15; 2 Cor. 10:3-4)
5) <b>Our Evangelism</b>	<i>As we recount John's mountain of gospel evidence with those who've yet to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ!</i>  (Rom. 10:9-14; Col. 4:3-4; John 3:16-36; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:18-21)

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