

The Gospel of John

Chapter 13, part 2

I. Introduction

- a. In our previous few lessons, we have seen things moving towards the crucifixion of Jesus
 - i. Last week, He washed the disciples' feet to show an example of how we are to treat one another
 - 1. This week's passage immediately follows that

II. Commentary

a. Verses 21-22

- i. Jesus was troubled
 - 1. As a man, He felt burdened
 - a. He was about to die for the sins of His people
 - b. He was about to be beaten by man
 - c. He was about to be betrayed by one of His friends
- ii. The disciples were perplexed
 - 1. That is, they were confused
 - a. Perhaps, we don't often see how the disciples must have felt about one another
 - i. Surely, they were as close as brothers
 - 1. How much they must have been hurt by the actions of Judas

b. Verses 23-30

- i. John mentions himself for the first time in this Gospel as "*one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved*"
 - 1. He was leaning on Christ
 - a. Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus who He was referring to
 - i. Jesus responded to John's question by saying the one that He gives the bread to after dipping it is the betrayer
 - 1. Then, He immediately dipped it and gave it to Judas Iscariot
 - a. After this, Satan entered Judas
 - i. Jesus told him to do what he was appointed to do quickly
- ii. The disciples didn't completely understand what had gone on
 - 1. Remember, this was one of them
 - a. They loved Judas like a brother
 - i. They trusted him with their money
 - 1. Surely, they were grieved by what occurred

- a. They weren't expecting him to be a betrayer
 - 2. Some thought Jesus sent Judas to buy something that they needed
 - iii. Judas immediately went out to betray Jesus in the middle of the night
- c. **Verses 31-35**
 - i. Jesus announces that that He is about to be glorified
 - 1. In this, the Father would be glorified
 - 2. He tells them that He will not be with them much longer
 - a. They will not be able to come where He is going
 - i. That is, He was going to ascend to Heaven while they remained on Earth
 - ii. He gives them "*a new commandment*"
 - 1. The commandment to love was not new (**Deu. 6:5, Lev. 19:18**)
 - a. However, sacrificial love for one another was a new twist on the command to love
 - i. We are to love one another as He loved us
 - 1. The world would recognize us as His disciples if we have this type of love for each other
 - 2. Our commandments in this age are really greater than the law required
 - a. The Spirit leads us in doing these things
- d. **Verses 36-38**
 - i. Peter asked Jesus where He was going
 - 1. Jesus explains that they couldn't immediately come to where He was
 - a. However, at the end of this age, we will go to where He is
 - ii. Peter trusts too much in his flesh
 - 1. He tells the Lord that he would follow Jesus anywhere
 - a. He says he is willing to lay down his life for Jesus if necessary
 - i. Jesus tells him that he would deny Him 3 times before the rooster crowed