

# 06/28/20 Notes

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Part of Just Getting Started A series on the Gospel of John  
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## Message: In Spite Of

### Series: Just Getting Started

Recap: We're in the 20th week of this series on the Gospel of John. Written by one of many Johns in Scripture, this was the disciple who Jesus loved. Matthew, Mark, and Luke are synoptic gospels (they are similar in structure and content) but John is different. He wrote his gospel to the world, to you. John tells the story of Jesus' life, ministry, death, resurrection, and it tells the story that through Jesus, you're Just Getting Started!

## In Spite Of

In a world full of conditions – when you do something ***in spite of*** \_\_\_\_\_ whatever goes in the blank, a major change happens. It changes conditional to unconditional. It changes relationships. It changes actions. It changes emotions. The world suddenly becomes a better place!

## The Last Supper

See Mark 14 for the events leading up to the place where Jesus met with His disciples.

- Jesus makes two predictions that absolutely BREAK His heart. He predicts two betrayals!
- Jesus was the posterchild of UNCONDITIONAL love

### ***John 13:19 (NLT)***

I tell you this beforehand, so that when it happens you will believe that I AM the Messiah.

In the Greek, Jesus says, "I AM HE" – but who is He? He is the

Messiah.

- Messiah means PROMISED DELIVERER

### ***John 13:20 (NLT)***

I tell you the truth, anyone who welcomes my messenger is welcoming me, and anyone who welcomes me is welcoming the Father who sent me.

- The “Messenger” Jesus speaks of is the HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus refers to the connection of the Holy Trinity in this passage. The holy trinity is God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit – one God in three persons.

When you become saved, God sends His Holy Spirit to live inside of you. He will never leave you.

## **First Prediction of Betrayal**

### ***John 13:21-26***

21 Now Jesus was deeply troubled, and he exclaimed, “I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me!”

22 The disciples looked at each other, wondering whom he could mean.

23 The disciple Jesus loved was sitting next to Jesus at the table.

24 Simon Peter motioned to him to ask, “Who’s he talking about?”

25 So that disciple leaned over to Jesus and asked, “Lord, who is it?”

26 Jesus responded, “It is the one to whom I give the bread I dip in the bowl.” And when he had dipped it, he gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot.

The Greek word for betray means to “deliver up!”

- Judas was delivering Jesus UP (to the enemy)

Jesus had placed Judas at the seat of honor, beside Him. Judas had been served first, an honor. Jesus modeled unconditional love in the presence of His enemy. Judas had traded Jesus to the enemy for silver. But betrayal doesn’t end there...

## **Second Prediction of Betrayal**

### ***John 13:34-35 (NLT)***

34 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.

35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

See Mark 12 where Jesus was asked which was the most important commandment, and Jesus replied:

### ***Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)***

30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’

31 The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

- Love the way I LOVE

### ***John 13:36-37 (NLT)***

36 Simon Peter asked, “Lord, where are you going?” And Jesus replied, “You can’t go with me now, but you will follow me later.”

37 “But why can’t I come now, Lord?” he asked. “I’m ready to die for you.”

38 Jesus answered, “Die for me? I tell you the truth, Peter—before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.

Jesus predicted Peter would tell people three times, he didn’t know Jesus.

## **The Differences**

Judas

- SOLD Jesus out
- led a DOUBLE LIFE
- died spiritually LOST

Peter

- LIED to protect himself
- Peter had a FAITHLESS MOMENT
- Peter REPENTED

Where are you with your walk with Christ?

Jesus loves you “in spite of” your past, “in spite of” your failures, “in spite of” your would of, could of, and should of moments in your life. He loves you unconditionally, in spite of \_\_\_\_\_!

Choose Jesus today!