



Gospel Of John Series – 85
“The Darkness of Betrayal and the Light of Christ”
John 13:18-30

I. THE PROPHECY OF BETRAYAL - vv. 18–20

Christ’s Word is Sure

“...but that the Scripture may be fulfilled.”

A. Betrayal Was Foretold

Key Point: Scripture always stands fulfilled.

B. Betrayal Was Personal

Lesson: True love serves even those who will hurt you.

C. Betrayal Was a Platform for God’s Glory

Application: People may fail you, but God’s purposes never fail.

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

II. THE PAIN OF BETRAYAL - vv. 21–26

Christ's Heart is Revealed

“When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit...”

A. Jesus Felt the Weight of Betrayal

Encouragement: You can bring your pain to Christ—He understands betrayal firsthand.

B. Jesus Exposed the Betrayer —“*Lord, who is it?*”

Lesson: Jesus always offers one last act of grace before judgment.

C. Jesus Controlled the Moment

Application: When life feels out of control, remember—your Savior never loses command.

III. THE POWER BEHIND BETRAYAL - vv. 27–30

Satan's Influence is Real

“Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him.”

A. Satan Controls Those Who Reject Christ

Warning: Sin tolerated becomes sin that dominates.

B. Jesus Commands Even in Darkness - “*What you do, do quickly.*”

Theology in motion: The cross was not an accident—it was an appointment.

C. Judas Walked into the Night - “*And it was night.*”

Application: Don't walk away from the Light. Stay close to Christ even when others fail.

Practical Lessons for Believers

- 1. God's Word Can Be Trusted**
- 2. Jesus Understands Deep Hurt**
- 3. Guard Your Heart Against Subtle Sin**
- 4. Christ Is in Control of Every Situation**
- 5. Being Near Jesus Is Not the Same as Knowing Jesus**

A Sobering Warning: *Judas's story teaches us the danger of hypocrisy and the deceitfulness of sin.*