

Betraying Jesus is being loyal to Satan

John 13:18-30

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I. Introduction

This was Jesus most important night with the disciples. The last time Jesus will be with Judas and the rest of the disciples. It was just before the Passover feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. He now will show them the full extent of his love, and demonstrating how they should love one another; by washing one another's feet. The evening meal was being served, and Satan had already prompted Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus. Jesus already knew one of them would betray him, and He knew who it was.

II. Betraying Jesus is being loyal to Satan

1. v.18.

What Jesus had previously said about washing each other's feet and being clean, but not all of you referring to Judas. Once again He is saying although I have chosen all of you, one of you will betray Me. He recites the scripture Psalm 41:9.

2. vv. 19-20.

Jesus is giving them heads up before things happen, starting with Judas betrayal. So many things Jesus has shared with them, now they began to see it come to be real. When it does happen the way He says, they will know that He is the "I am that I am". Whoever accepts anyone I send, accepts Me; whoever accepts Me accepts the one who sent me .

3. v. 21.

As the Passover is approaching soon, He is the Passover, the sacrificial Lamb of God. Jesus fully God and fully human, so He feels the pressure. He is really saying Judas is really going to betray me after all we shared in the ministry, all the teaching I've done and all the miracles of healing he has witnessed. But God's will must be done.

4. vv. 22-25.

Can you imagine being one of the twelve faithful disciples who has been right by Jesus side about three years. Everyone changed their lives to follow Jesus, and Jesus says one of you will betray me. Could it be Peter, the rock the Church was built upon; could it be John, the one that Jesus loves? Could it be James and John the ones who wanted to be on the right and left side of Jesus in the kingdom? Or could it be Nathaniel who said “ you are the son of God” because Jesus saw him under the fig tree?

5. vv. 26-27.

I wonder what judas was thinking, did he even care?

He knew Jesus new all things. Jesus had exposed him before them all, yet satan had him bound. He was loyal to satan.

6. vv. 28-30.

Jesus said one of them would betray him. Nobody knew that He was talking about Judas. They had no idea of how or when this would happen. We are not told when and how Judas became a disciple of Jesus. Some say he was present at the preaching of John The Baptist at Bethany beyond Jordan, or may have met Jesus during his return thru Judea with his followers. He might have been among those who received the call at the Sea of Tiberias. He was the only disciple who wasn't from Galilee. The first mention of his name comes when; after Jesus night of Prayer; Jesus chose the twelve and included Judas among them. Each time the disciples are mention in the bible, judas is listed last. Go figure.

Events leading to Jesus' crucifixion

Matthew26:14-16

Judas went to the chief priest and asked; what are you willing to give me if I hand him over? They counted out thirty silver coins. Judas watched for an opportunity to hand over Jesus. Thirty silver coins worth 600 dollars during that time.

Mark 14:43-46

In the Garden of Gethsemane after prayer, just as Jesus was speaking; With Judas was a crowd armed with swords, and clubs sent from the chief priest, the teachers of the law and the elders. Judas signaled them by kissing Jesus. Jesus could have called out 12 legions of angels (6,000 soldiers per legion = 72,000 soldiers).

Mathew 27:3-5

When Judas, who had betrayed Jesus, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the 30 silver coins to the priest and elders. He said ‘ I have sinned , for I have betrayed innocent blood”. Then he went out and hung himself. The chief priest used the blood money for the potters field, burial place for foreigners.

Acts 1:18,19

With the reward he got for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama (that is field of blood).

III. Conclusion

Betraying Jesus is being loyal to satan. After all the preaching, teaching with Jesus and the disciples for years, witnessing all the miracles of Jesus, he was persuaded by satan to betray Jesus for a meager 30 pieces of silver. When he realized what a sinful thing he had done, he killed himself.