

I. One of You Will Betray Me: John 13:21-38

A. **Joh 13:21** When Jesus had said these things, **He was troubled in spirit**, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." **Joh 13:22** Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke. **Joh 13:23** Now there was leaning on **Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.**

1. We see in the above passages and the ones that follow a picture of the humanity of Jesus and His deep fellowship with the Holy Spirit. He both prays and prophesies powerfully from the place of communion with the Holy Spirit, these declarations were not recited in king James English or ecstatically proclaimed as though by a Spirit of divination. The God man Jesus was touched with deep emotion at the thought of His own suffering, those of his friends, and His people. Yet from that emotion he connected with God and prayed and proclaimed mysteries.

a) **Joh 11:32** Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." **Joh 11:33** Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, **He groaned in the spirit and was troubled.** **Joh 11:34** And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." **Joh 11:35** Jesus wept.

b) **Luk 19:41** Now as He drew near, **He saw the city and wept over it, Luk 19:42** saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things *that make* for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. **Luk 19:43** For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, **Luk 19:44** and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

c) **Joh 12:20** Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. **Joh 12:21** Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." **Joh 12:22** Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus. **Joh 12:23** But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. **Joh 12:24** Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. **Joh 12:25** He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. **Joh 12:26** If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him *My* Father will honor. **Joh 12:27** **"Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Joh 12:28** Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came

from heaven, *saying*, "I have both glorified *it* and will glorify *it* again." **Joh 12:29** Therefore the people who stood by and heard *it* said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." **Joh 12:30** Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. **Joh 12:31** Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. **Joh 12:32** And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all *peoples* to Myself." **Joh 12:33** This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

- d) **Luk 22:39** Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him. **Luk 22:40** When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." **Luk 22:41** And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, **Luk 22:42** saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." **Luk 22:43** Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. **Luk 22:44** And **being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.**

2. We are called to pray in like manner, deeply from our Spirit's under the Holy Spirit's leadership. As Jesus lived, spoke, and prayed under a deep unction from the Holy Spirit, we are invited to do the same.

- a) **Rom 8:26** Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

- B. **Joh 13:24** Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke. **Joh 13:25** Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

1. Jesus beloved disciple John, likely in response to Jesus' distress put his head on His chest. They were deeply familial in how they related to one another, John is the one to whom Jesus would entrust His own mother. They were extremely close.

- a) **Joh 19:26** When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" **Joh 19:27** Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own *home*.

- b) **Joh 21:7** Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on *his* outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.

- C. **Joh 13:26** Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped *it*." And having dipped the bread, He gave *it* to Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon. **Joh 13:27** Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. **Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."** **Joh 13:28** But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him. **Joh 13:29** For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy *those things* we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. **Joh 13:30** Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night.

1. The simple thought I want to draw out from the above passage is that the offering of bread was a sign of fellowship, yet Judas takes the bread with the intent to already betray Jesus and immediately he is possessed of Satan. It is even possible that Jesus is not just speaking to Judas, but perhaps Satan himself when he tells him to do what he is going to do quickly.
 - a) **Eze 28:14** "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. **Eze 28:15** You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.
2. Judas would later betray Jesus with a kiss. "In the culture of first-century Israel, a kiss was not always a romantic expression of love; rather, a kiss on the cheek was a common greeting, a sign of deep respect, honor, and brotherly love (see [Luke 7:45](#); [Romans 16:16](#); [1 Corinthians 16:20](#); [2 Corinthians 13:12](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:26](#); [1 Peter 5:14](#)). For a student who had great respect for his teacher, a kiss fell well within the healthy expression of honor." (<https://www.gotquestions.org/betrayed-with-a-kiss.html>)
 - a) **Luk 22:47** And while He was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. **Luk 22:48** But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

II. A New Commandment: John 13:31-35

- A. **Joh 13:31** So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. **Joh 13:32** If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. **Joh 13:33** Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you. **Joh 13:34** **A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.** **Joh 13:35** By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
1. Why was Jesus describing the command to love, as a "new commandment". He had instructed His disciples in the value to love many times before. He actually gives this critical instruction in His opening public message in the Sermon on the Mount.
 - a) **Mat 5:43** "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.' **Mat 5:44** But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, **Mat 5:45** that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.
2. If Jesus had preached this message from the beginning what was new about it? think it wasn't the actual command to love that was new, but the definition to "to love one another; as I have loved you, that you ask love one another."

- a) **1Jn 2:7** Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. **1Jn 2:8** Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. **1Jn 2:9** He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. **1Jn 2:10** He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.
- b) **1Jn 3:16** By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

III. Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial: John 13:36-38

A. **Joh 13:36** Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but **you shall follow Me afterward.**" **Joh 13:37** Peter said to Him, "Lord, **why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake.**" **Joh 13:38** Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.

1. Peter in the above passage vows his commitment to die for Jesus with a zealous and sincere heart, but ultimately he will fail and deny Jesus three times.
 - (1) **Joh 18:15** And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so *did* another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. **Joh 18:16** But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in. **Joh 18:17** Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also *one* of this Man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." **Joh 18:18** Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself.
 - (2) **Joh 18:25** Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore they said to him, "You are not also *one* of His disciples, are you?" He denied *it* and said, "I am not!" **Joh 18:26** One of the servants of the high priest, a relative *of him* whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" **Joh 18:27** Peter then denied again; and immediately a rooster crowed.
 - (3) **Mat 26:74** Then he began to curse and swear, *saying*, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. **Mat 26:75** And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.
2. It is entirely possible that "you shall follow me afterwards" is a further illusion to the manner of Peter's eventual martyrdom.
 - a) **Joh 21:18** Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, **you will stretch**

out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish. "**Joh 21:19** This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, **He said to him, "Follow Me."**

3. He asks him three times, do you love me taking him back to the very night of his betrayal likely several weeks prior. Jesus in this passage speaks the same words to Peter that He spoke to him at the beginning of their journey together, having just performed a similar miracle of helping him catch fish.
 - a) **Joh 21:15** So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." **Joh 21:16** He said to him again a second time, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." **Joh 21:17** He said to him the third time, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep.
 - b) **Mat 4:18** And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. **Mat 4:19** Then He said to them, **"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."**