

*Predicting Judas' Betrayal & Peter's Denial (John 13:21–38)*  
*Jaunting through John (Message 37)*

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**INTRODUCTION**

**BACKGROUND AND REVIEW:**

**The Last Discourse: John 13:1–17:26**

**Part 1: The Upper Room Discourse: 13:1–14:31** (Note 14:31: *Let's leave this place*)

**Part 2: Discourse after Leaving the Upper Room (15:1–17:26)** (Note 18:1: *He went out*)

**What is the topic of the Last Discourse?**

It is not about how to live the Christian life

It is evangelistic, in keeping with the overall purpose: John 20:30–31

**Purpose of Last Discourse: To Prepare Disciples for His Death, showing Him to be the Christ**

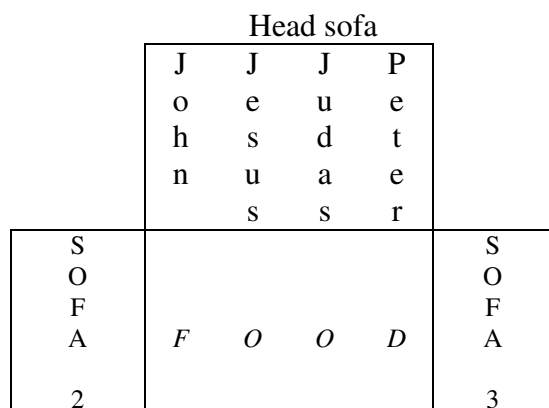
Check the January 4, 2009 message and notes (*Washing Disciples' Feet*) on this issues.

**Audience of John's Gospel** = unbels who lack life (*that you may believe... that you may have life*)

**NEW EXPOSITION**

**(13:21–22) Speaking about (His betrayer) caused Jesus to become troubled, but His testimony that one of them would betray Him caused the disciples to look at each other, puzzling over whom it might be**

**(13:23–25) When John turned back to [speak to] Jesus, Peter signaled for Jesus to ask who the betrayer was, so John asked Him**



John 12:1<sup>ff.</sup> was another meal. The message of Nov 16, 2008, discussed the Roman triclinium, upon which they would have eaten the meals of John 12 and the Passover meal of John 13. I am sure of the location of John, Jesus, and Judas. They were on the head sofa. I have a theory about where Peter was. In the diagram, their heads would be toward the bottom (toward the food on the central table).

Jesus' remarks in 13:13–16 suggest that He was at the position of honor on the head sofa.

John is immediately in front of Jesus (John 13:23, 25) and could turn to talk to Him

If the eleven had overheard Jesus' answer to Judas in Matthew 26:25, they would have known that Judas would be the betrayer. I assume that Judas was right next to Jesus. Since John was in front of Jesus, Judas must have been right behind Jesus. Also, Jesus was able to give him the sop, so he was close to Him.

Peter caught John's eye, as he turned to talk to Jesus. Peter may have been on the same sofa, behind Judas.

**(13:26–27) Jesus told John that it was the one to whom He would give bread dipped into bitter herbs, which he gave to Judas, at which time Satan entered Judas; then Jesus told Judas to do what he would do most quickly**

**(13:28–30) No one (then) knew that Jesus identified Judas as His betrayer, but each thought Jesus was instructing Judas to buy things for the feast or to give to the poor; then Judas went out into the night**

The fact that some thought that Judas might buy things for the feast suggests that Jesus normally kept Passover according to both Galilean & Judean calendars. Galileans observed it one day before Judeans (Jesus ate the meal with His disciples in John 13 the night before Judeans ate the meal)

**(13:31–32) Both the Father and the Son are glorified (in the crucifixion) and they glorify each other at once (in the crucifixion)**

**(13:33) He will be with the eleven briefly, so they will seek Him and not find Him and they cannot (yet) follow Him into death (as He told Judeans)**

Jesus said this to Judeans at the Feast of Booths in John 7:34 and 8:21

**(13:34–35) Jesus gave the new commandment that they love one another as He loved them; by which people would know that they were His disciples**

**(13:36–37) Peter asked Jesus where He was going; Jesus said he could not now follow Him, but would later; but Peter insisted that he could, because he pledged to lay down his life for Christ**

**(13:38) Jesus replied that Peter would deny Him three times before the cock crowed**

Some have made the reconciliation more complicated than it really is.

Mat 26:34 Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

Mar 14:30 Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times."

Luk 22:34 Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me

## **CONCLUSION**

When Jesus said that one of them would betray Him, they were all perplexed, but Peter motioned to John to ask who it might be; Jesus said that it was the one to whom He gave the sop, which He gave to Judas and told Judas to act quickly, who then left without raising anyone's suspicions; Jesus said that His death would glorify both Him and the Father and that He would soon go where they could not follow; Peter insisted that he would even die for Jesus, but Jesus predicted his three denials

J-Baptist testified of Christ, so all might believe; the few of His own who believed would all be God's children 1:1-18
<b>1st Disciples</b> 1:19-51: John the Baptist pointed all to Christ, so some of John's disciples followed & believed <b>1st Sign Apostle John Witnessed</b> 2:1-11: JC turned H <sub>2</sub> O to wine (first Galilean sign), disciples believed <b>Judean Passover</b> 2:13-3:36: Signs lead many (inc. Nic.) to believe in JC; said cross/resurrection = sign that He = Christ <b>Samaritess</b> : 4:1-26: He offered Samaritess living H <sub>2</sub> O, who asked if He were the Christ when He told her about herself <b>Ministry in Sychar</b> : 4:27-42: The woman drew men to see JC & food-distracted 12 join in reaping harvest; many believed <b>In Galilee</b> 4:43-45: He went to Galilee, because no prophet is hometown celebrity; they welcome Him after seeing signs <b>Heal Official's Son</b> : 4:46-54: Official urged JC to heal son; He (& servants) said, "Son lives;" He & house believed
<b>Heal Lame Man</b> : 5:1-15: On Sabbath JC told lame man to walk. Officials scolded & sought to confront healer <b>Heal Lame Man</b> : 5:16-23: Judeans seek to kill JC as blaspheming sabbath-breaker, He imitates Father to do greater works. <b>Honor Father by Honoring Son</b> : 5:24-30: Wants foes to live (if believing); will be condemned (if disbelieve) <b>2+ Witnesses</b> : 5:31-47: JC, impartial GWT Judge, isn't accuser nor is J-Baptist, so works, Father, Bible & Moses accuse <b>Bread of Life</b> : JC asked where to buy food for crowd; prayed & broke bread; they were satisfied & called Him <i>Prophet</i> <b>Walking on H<sub>2</sub>O</b> : 6:15-21: JC went up mount; 12 left by boat w/o Him; gale arose, JC walked on sea & entered boat <b>JC = Bread of Life</b> : 6:22-40: He told men (who found Him) to labor for food for EL & said God persuades that He is Father-sent heavenly bread, that gives the world life & secures bels forever (because He obeys the Father) <b>Grumbling over Bread of Life</b> : 6:41-59: JC said to stop grumbling, because, Living Bread gives life for world, but only gives EL to those drawn thru teaching, but they argued over what eating His flesh meant, so He said that (only if they eat/drink His flesh/blood) would they have EL & Christ would indwell, so lifegiving Bread differs from lifeless manna <b>Grumbling over Bread of Life</b> : 6:60-71: JC asked offended disciples how ascension would affect them & warned of lifeless leaders' words, but HS gives life thru word; & said some don't believe, which is why (apart from being granted thru the Father teaching) people can't believe JC; as many left, He asked 12 if they want to go, but Peter said JC has words of EL (that they believe) & JC said He chose them, even Judas <b>Surprise Appearance at Booths</b> : 7:1-36: Unbel bros say to go to Judea to get disciples, but His time not yet come. Some said He'd skip feast, but authoritative teaching glorifying GF amazed them (reaffirming right to heal on Sabbath)—some said no arrest since they knew He is Christ), arrest failed <b>He Who Tabernacled w/ Us at Booths</b> : 7:37-8:1: JC urged to drink of (believe) Him, so they (when HS came) would have living H <sub>2</sub> O abundantly (fulfilling Booths): Division resulted; Nic' scolds rulers for bypassing legal inquiry <b>Light of World Gives Adulteress Justice</b> : 8:2-13: Phars ask JC if (per Law) should stone woman they brought; JC wrote on floor; said sinless one "Cast 1st stone;" accusers left; He taught crowd [& woman] that He is Light of world (unlike Pharisees); His followers walk in Light of life
<b>Truth Will Free You</b> : 8:14-32: JC's testimony is valid, because Father = 2nd witness; Pharisees don't know Father try to arrest Him; He will go where they can't; they will die if don't believe; they demand to know who He is; He affirms that He always said Father sent Him; but lifting Him (on cross) will show Father sent Him & abides w/ Him; many Judeans believed, so He said abide to be disciples—free from [legalistic] bondage
<b>Abraham's Seed &amp; Satan's Seed</b> : 8:33-59: [Pharisees] retort that they aren't slaves, but JC said only He can free from sin; their desire to kill Him came from their father; they would love & believe Him if they were God's children, but they reject Him w/o disproving Him; they scoff when He said bels won't see death & Abe rejoiced to see His day
<b>Healing Man Born Blind</b> : 9:1-41: Sin didn't blind one born-blind, but blindness let God heal him, wash in Siloam & saw; people debate if is same man, said he is & sees, didn't know where JC is; told Phars how he sees; some say Sabbath breaker not of God, others deny sinner could heal, man said He = Prophet; parents say son born blind; Phars know he was blind; parents say ask of-age son; they oathed him & he said he now sees; they repeat query, he said they ignore him & don't want to follow Him; they claim to follow Moses; don't know JC's origin, only healer of born-blind, but God doesn't use sinners, so He is of God; they called him born in sin & banned him; JC asks if he believes in God's Son; after saying He = God's Son, he believed; He came so blind may see, sighted may be blind; Pharis scoff at being blind; culpable because say they see
<b>Good Shepherd</b> : 10:1-21: Leaders misunderstand Good Shepherd, whom gateman lets into pen (vs. sneaky rustlers); sheep follow Him, not coercive strangers; so He retold it: He is entryway; earlier shepherds bully, steal & kill sheep, but He even dies for sheep (vs. hirelings who let wolves steal/scatter); He knows sheep/they know Him, as He knows God who knows Him—He dies for sheep & has other (non-Judean) sheep who hear Him who makes 1-flock/1-shepherd; God loves Him, because (for sheep) He dies to be raised (no one takes His life), but He lays it down to take it up—as God commands; some called Him <i>crazy demoniac</i> ; others denied His speech was <i>demoniac</i> & <i>demon</i> can't make blind see
<b>At Hannukah</b> : 10:22-39: Judeans demand if He is the Christ; He said they disbelieve His words, but works in Father's name also testify; they disbelieve because not of His sheep; Shepherd guarantees sheep (bels) EL & can't lose it, because Father & Son (in union) secure them; He asked (as they try stoning) which good work led to seeking His death; said they seek His death for making self God; He said God ( $\psi$ 82 <sup>b</sup> ) calls (wicked judges) gods; Bible is always true; so Father-sent One doesn't blaspheme in calling self God's Son; if He didn't do Father's works, they should disbelieve, but Father's works lead to believing His words (2nd witness) that Father & Son are united; they again seek His death, but He escaped
<b>Lazarus' death</b> : 10:40-11:16: Rec'd word that Laz sick; said illness not to death, but will glorify God; when (2 days later) He planned to go to Laz, 12 said Judeans seek death; said still is day (time to live) & He needs to wake Laz & it is good He was not there, so they would believe
<b>Resurrection &amp; Life</b> : 11:17-37: JC came 4 days after Lazarus' burial; many mourners present; Martha hurried to meet Him; Mary stayed home; Martha said JC would have stopped Lazarus' death, if He were there; God answers His prayers; He said Lazarus will rise; she agreed; He said that He is resurrector & grantor of EL; asked if she believed; she affirmed this, because she believes He is Christ, God's Son, whom [God sent] to earth; she said that JC wants to see her, Mary went quickly to Him; some said she went to tomb & followed; Mary worshipped Jesus & said He would have stopped Lazarus' death, if He were there; crying of Mary & others moved JC w/ empathy, so He asked where they put Lazarus; they said <i>Come &amp; see</i> ; JC also wept, so some said He greatly loved Lazarus; others asked why He let Lazarus die (since He healed blind man)
<b>Raising Lazarus</b> : 11:38-57: Said <i>Open Tomb</i> ; Martha spoke of stench; reminds re God's glory, if she believed He'd raise Laz; tomb opened; thanks God He always hears Him (saying this) so they might believe God sent Him; told Laz, <i>Come out</i> ; did so bound; said <i>free him</i> ; many believe; some told Phars (who try) to stop Him, lest Rome take their position & nation; Caiaphas urged His death for nation (prophecying His death giving Jewish bels life/gather in one flock); rulers want His death; went to Ephraim; feast's earlybirds said He'd avoid feast, because APB
<b>Anointing &amp; Entry</b> : 12:1-19: At Bethany a meal was fixed for Jesus, Lazarus & others; Martha served; when Mary anointed His feet, Judas feigned concern for the poor & scolded her, but Jesus defended her; pilgrims came to Jesus & Lazarus because He raised him; officials sought Lazarus' death also, He rode donkey to Jerusalem, throngs hearing Lazarus was raised laid palm fronds before Him, leaders sought His death.
<b>Helenized (Jews) at Passover</b> 12:20-26: some asked to meet Jesus; He told Philip & Andrew that the hour of His glorification had come: One seed dies in earth that many seeds may sprout to life; loving the mortal life has detrimental effects on the immortal life; hating the mortal life enhances the immortal life; the Father will glorify servants who follow Jesus (where He goes)
<b>Who Believes Rept?</b> 12:27-43: Didn't ask to avoid cross, because came to die; asks for God's glory (God said He did so/will do so); voice was to benefit them; judging world involves Satan's defeat, cross to draw people to JC; object that Christ has EL; He said believe & be enlightened/regenerate before He leaves; He left; disbelief tho seeing signs fulfills Isa 53 & Isa 6, but many rulers believe & fear exclusion
<b>His Command is EL</b> : 12:44-50: Believing in JC logically entails believing in GF, who sent Him; seeing GF logically entails seeing JC, the Light of the world who enlightens bels; His words (from GF commanding EL) is what will judge unbels

JC (who knew He would soon leave) loved His own, when Passover was served, after the devil led Judas to betray Him. He began washing the 12's feet, but Pet objected; JC said refusal would disqualify him from a portion (inheritance) w/ JC; Pet offered also his hands & head; JC said bathed persons (the 11) only need footwashing, because he is already clean; JC asked if they understood; He, their Teacher and Lord, became their servant (washing feet) so they would serve one another; they are not greater than their master, so the 11 will be blessed if (knowing these things) they serve each other; He did not say this about Judas, whom Scripture said ate w/ JC & would rebel; the prediction was so the 11 would believe; the one who receives them actually receives Him and the one who receives Jesus actually receives the Father who sent Him