

# Mount Olive Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

June 23, 2021

## John 13: 18 - 30

**18** I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me. **19** Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he. **20** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. **21** When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. **22** Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. **23** Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. **24** Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. **25** He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? **26** Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. **27** And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. **28** Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. **29** For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. **30** He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.

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Pastor Tom introduced these verses of betrayal and spiritual warfare - the power Satan has as a disciplined enemy, working on our minds, hearts and behaviors.

For background:

Verses 4 through 17 told about Jesus washing the disciples feet and mentioning that one of them would betray him...

### Verse 18

*I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.*

\*Jesus is using the Old Testament prophecy from Psalm 41:9

“Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.”

About 1000 years before Jesus used these words they were written in the book of Psalms.

\*The Judas thing intrigues Pastor Tom. It is clear that betrayal by one of His own was prophesied long before it happened and more than once. So was Judas predestined to betray Jesus, having no choice? But what about our free will to choose what we believe in?

II Peter 3:9 states:

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Rita shared that if Judas had a choice, maybe he would not have betrayed Jesus. But Satan entered into him and so he had no choice anymore.

\*So It is agreed that we have choices - to go God's way and go to heaven OR choose not to go God's way and go to hell.

## **Verses 19 - 22**

*Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he. 20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. 21 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. 22 Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.*

\*'Verily, verily' phrases mean to pay close attention to what is being taught or said.

\*Jesus is saying here that all of these events will be done so that at sometime in the future ALL His disciples, including Judas, will know that He is the Christ.

\*It will be these same disciples who will lead the early church, the foundation of the movement that is still going on today.

\*Jesus' Mandate: To know that He is the Christ.

\*What has caused you to have a turning point in your life, to begin your relationship with Jesus, recognizing who He is.

Meade shared his testimony: He has lost many dear ones from his family so the only way he will get to see them again in heaven is through his relationship with Jesus which is a work in progress.

\*Our hope in heaven is the great expectation/anticipation of the resurrection from death to life.

\*Children in this pampered generation (they get everything they want) have little experience with sorrow or disappointment so how will they learn to anticipate the hope of heaven?

Proverbs 9:10 states that “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.”

In verse 21 we learn that Jesus is troubled in His spirit because of this Judas thing...so he mentions it again and the disciples start looking around at each other. Jesus does not yet name Judas but the die is cast for the events to begin the betrayal.

### **Verses 23 - 25**

*Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. 24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. 25 He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it?*

\*Modern day movies tend to misinterpret the relationship between Jesus and John to be something it is not. But unknowledgeable people will take the movie-makers' views as truth.

\*Bold, old Peter comes right out and asks Jesus.

### **Verses 26 and 27**

*Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. 27 And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.*

\*Right after Judas was given the dipped bread (as Jesus is the Bread of Life), Satan entered into him. First, Jesus dips and gives the bread to Judas. Then Satan enters into Judas. He could not enter until Jesus gave permission for him to. Finally, Jesus tells Judas to act quickly so God's timing would be perfect for the crucifixion the next day.

\*There is a sequential progression in every one of Satan's attacks:

1. Satan gets into your head/mind with unbiblical thoughts.

\*\*\*\*Where is the choice in that? \*\*\*\*\* People with mental health issues may be under the influence of Satan's attacks

This is why we must gird ourselves in the Truth at all times (from Armor of God in Ephesians) Also we recall Philippians 2:5 - "Let this mind be in you that is in Christ Jesus" Knowing the Truth means we need to be daily into the Word of God. The only way to fix a reprobate mind is to give it over to Christ.

If you do not deal with this first step, the mind, then....

2. Satan will enter your heart.

Matthew 15:18 - 20 says -

But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. **19** For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: **20** These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

3. Then finally, your behaviors/actions will be under the influence of Satan!

\*After Satan has done what he wanted to do through Judas (setting up the killing of Jesus), he throws Judas out like trash. Judas is left empty and violated and kills himself.

Pastor Tom related a story about a church family who saw how the devil had entered a man and accomplished bad things through him then 'disposed of the man'.

\*There was a point in time when Judas had a choice (in the first stage above). He could have relied on the Truth of what Jesus was teaching. Then there came the point of no return, stages 2 and 3, when the devil had the best of him.

\*In verse 27, we see God has perfect timing (do quickly what must be done). Everything about the Cross had to be perfect, according to what had been prophesied in the Old Testament. God is a God of order and He had planned an order for our salvation. It had to be done at the right time, at the right place by the right person.

## Verses 28 - 30

*Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. 29 For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. 30 He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.*

\*The disciples did not understand what Jesus was telling them back in verse 19 either. But Jesus wanted the disciples to recognize/realize/reveal who He was after all the crucifixion events took place. Jesus had told them what was going to happen so that after it happened, they would 'see the light' and know that Jesus told the truth.

\*"And it was night..." reminds us that the devil works best in the dark, (dark places, dark times) where there is no light which is Jesus!

Sometimes scriptures jump right out at us, like tonight!

Good discussion followed.

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Go in peace, go in joy, go in love!

May the Lord watch between me and thee  
While we are absent one from the other.

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