



Week of January 11

Gospel of John: Betrayal | John 13:18-30

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This weekly tool is designed to help you process and apply God's truth with other brothers and sisters who want to grow in Christ. You might use this in your Life Group, one-on-one over coffee, around the family dinner table, or in a casual small group of friends. The aim is to take God's Word from Sunday morning and bring it into the corners of our lives throughout the week, so that together we might be transformed into people who treasure God and love others.

beyondsunday Reflection & Discussion

Getting Started

1. In his sovereign plan, God used even an act of betrayal to accomplish his plan. Are there any other instances you can think of in Scripture where God used sinful actions to accomplish something?

Receive the Word

2. Read John 13:18-30. Jesus knew what Judas was going to do, and yet, in verse 21, it says Jesus was "troubled in spirit." What does that tell us about Jesus as a man?
3. Not only did Jesus offer Judas a piece of bread at the meal, but he also most likely washed his feet earlier in the chapter. What can we learn from those actions?
4. Read John 13:27. Even as Satan begins to control Judas more fully, who's in charge in this verse? Even in a sad verse like this, how is it encouraging?
5. Read John 13:30. John ends the story with the somber words "and it was night." Do you think there's some symbolism here? What might it be? How might it contrast with John's opening words in John 1:1-4?

Make the Connection

6. Are there ways we can seemingly appear close to Jesus (like Judas) while inwardly resisting
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Him? What might that look like?

7. Could we be so enamored with our ideas and our dreams that we would choose them over Jesus?

THINK - About Christ's sovereign plan and how that plan affects you.

PRAY - Ask God to help you reject compromise and temptation and keep your heart tender to his ways.

ACT - Trust that God is in control this week - even in the moments of sadness and disappointment.

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