

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for April 29-30, 2006

"The Betrayer"

John 13:23-30

The betrayer predicted (John 13:18-22).

The betrayer identified (John 13:23-26).

Matthew 26:22 makes it clear that after Jesus indicated that one of His disciples would in fact be His betrayer each of them sought to be publicly exonerated by Christ.

Christ responded to their attempt to be publicly exonerated by giving the betrayer a warning in Matthew 26:24.

Judas, seeking to deceitfully mimic the other disciples' quest for public exonerated, was identified by Christ in Matthew 26:25 as the betrayer.

We know that Jesus did not identify Judas as the betrayer to anyone else but Judas in Matthew 26:25 based on what John told us in John 13:23-30.

Christ and His disciples were most likely reclining on couches, divans or mattresses arranged around the outside of a low U-shaped table.

The disciple that John referred to as "the disciple whom Jesus loved" is almost universally accepted to be John himself.

Peter's inquiry to John tells us that Peter believed that John might have known the identity of the betrayer (John 13:24).

Jesus indicated to John that He would identify the traitor by giving the traitor a morsel that he had dipped (John 13:26).

The morsel that Jesus dipped was most likely a piece of unleavened bread from one of the flat cakes lying on the table.

The sauce that Jesus dipped the morsel into most likely consisted of mashed fruit, water and vinegar.

Jesus passed the morsel dipped in a bowl of sauce to the betrayer in order to highlight the figurative fulfillment of Psalm 41:9.

When John 13:27 says that Satan entered him, it does not mean that he was physically possessed by Satan, but rather it means that he was spiritually possessed and had reached a point of no return.

The betrayer dismissed (John 13:27-30).

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Jesus, in dismissing Judas from the Passover feast with the words, "What you do, do quickly," orchestrated the timing of all the events that shortly would be unfolding.

John did not understand why Judas had left because John was unable to quickly process the dismissal of Judas in John 13:27 with the symbolic action of identification in John 13:26.

May God give us the grace each day to walk in the light so that our deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.