

Sermon Outline

BETRAYAL AND DENIAL | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: John 13:12-38

A disaster of a dinner party ...

1. Jesus says that Judas will betray Him (vv18-30)

Ps 41:9 Even my close friend, someone I trusted, one who shared my bread, has turned against me.

Q. In what sense can Judas be said to have agency and so be held accountable for his actions?

Jn 13:2 The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

Jn 12:4 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, 5 "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." 6 He did not say this because he cared about the poor but **because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.**

Not "Judas had no choice"; rather, "Jesus is not surprised"

Jn 20:30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

"Taking bread" in John's gospel ...

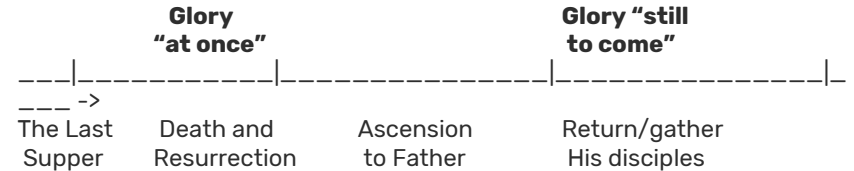
Jn 6:35 Then Jesus declared, I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Jn 12:46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

2. Jesus says that Peter will deny Him (vv31-38)

Jn 13:1 It was just before the Passover Festival. **Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father.** Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

Jn 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"



Jn 10:11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd **lays down his life** for the sheep.

Q. Why is Peter saved (but not Judas)?

A. "If Judas is the **w**_____ of us and Peter is the **b**_____ of us, then taken together they show that **a**____ of us will let Jesus down ... which means **n**_____ of us deserves to be saved"

If fairness were the basis of God's choice, no-one would be saved

3. So what, for us?

Q. How would Jesus have us live?

Jn 13:34 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Lev 19:18 "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

Jn 13:14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.

