

THE TRAITOR UNMASKED  
(John 13:18-30)

I. The Old Testament ANTICIPATED the TREACHERY (John 13:18)

A. Jesus indicates that Psalm 41:9 was PROPHETIC

1. He would suffer an INJURY or INSULT
2. It would come from a TRUSTED COMPANION

B. Jesus explicitly DENIES that He's talking about ALL OF THEM

1. He KNOWS the "ONES I have CHOSEN"
2. The PROPHECY makes the OUTCOME inevitable

II. The Lord ANNOUNCED the TREASON (John 13:19-21)

A. He predicted the betrayal to STRENGTHEN their FAITH

1. Unwarned, they might have DESPAIRED
2. Forewarned, they would "believe that I AM"

B. As Jesus is connected to the Father, THEY are connected to JESUS

1. He affirms their FUTURE MINISTRY as ones He has SENT
2. He confers upon them a unique, non-transferable AUTHORITY

C. Jesus was "TROUBLED in SPIRIT"

1. He makes a SOLEMN pronouncement
2. He announces, "One of YOU will BETRAY ME"

III. The News ASTONISHED the TWELVE (John 13:22-25)

- A. The disciples were STUNNED and CONFUSED
    - 1. No one SUSPECTED JUDAS
    - 2. No one believed any of them could betray Jesus INTENTIONALLY
  - B. Peter signaled another disciple asking him to “TELL us WHO...”
    - 1. The other, “whom Jesus loved,” was probably JOHN
    - 2. “Leaning back,” he asked, “Lord, WHO IS IT?”
  - C. Jesus signaled his identity by treating him with HONOR
  - D. SATAN entered into Judas
- IV. The Lord ADDRESSED the TRAITOR (John 13:26-30)
- A. Jesus told Judas, “What you do, DO QUICKLY”
  - B. NONE of those at the table UNDERSTOOD
  - C. Judas LEFT immediately
  - D. “And it was NIGHT”