

"A Study on Betrayal"

Text: John 13:21-30

Scripture reading: Matthew 26:6-30

I. Publicizing the insurrection - vv. 21-24 (disclosing betrayal)

A) Troubled spirit - (the anguish of the Savior)

B) Curious minds - (the inquiry of the Disciples)

C) Deceitful heart - (the treachery of the traitor)

Summary:

a) Nothing can thwart the _____ of God.
(Matt. 18:19-20; Eph. 2:19-22; Heb. 10:23-25)

b) Never waste the _____ to Christ.

II. Exposing the identity - vv. 25-27 (dismissing the betrayer)
(Pr. 25:21-22)

Summary:

a) The danger of _____ God's people.
(II Cor. 11:15; I Thess. 5:21; I Tim. 6:20-21; II Tim. 4:15)

b) The example of Christ's _____ toward His enemies.

III. Under the influence - vv. 27-30 (demonizing the betrayer)

Summary:

a) Judas was a _____.
(John 8:44)

b) Judas was a _____.
(Luke 22:2-6; I Tim. 6:10)

"Once let a man trifle with the devil, and he never knows how far he may fall. Trifling with the first thoughts of sin, making light of evil ideas when first offered to our hearts, allowing Satan to talk to us, and flatter us, and put bad notions into our hearts, all this may seem a small matter to many. It is precisely at this point that the road to ruin begins. He that allows Satan to sow wicked thoughts will soon find within his heart a crop of wicked habits. Happy is he who really believes that there is a devil, and believing, watches and prays daily that he may be kept from his temptations."

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