

Don't thank me, poor or Disturbed  
or lonely I'm not discouraged I'm heaven-bound I'm just a pilgrim  
In search of a city I want a mansion A heart and a crown I've got  
a mansion just over the hilltop In that bright land where we'll  
never go home And someday yonder we will never more wander But  
walk the streets that our heroes go Amen. Unless somebody had one already  
picked out, we'll go ahead and do a message. Did y'all have  
one picked out? I said unless somebody had one  
picked out already, we'll go ahead and do a message. All right. Let's do the message  
then. All right. Do the message. All right. All right. So we're going to  
be back at John chapter 13 today. And I guess this is not a totally  
Easter message, but it can kind of be qualified because we're  
leading up to that time. But remember the book of John  
is about the seven signs, the seven miracles, the point and  
the fact that Jesus is God, right? He's God in human flesh and that  
we should believe Those signs, those miracles with a message,  
and believe that we might have life in his name. We see that  
John comes and says, behold, the Lamb of God that takes away  
the sin of the world. We see the miracles that Jesus  
does. He turns the water into wine.  
He heals the boy from 15 miles away. He heals a man who's been  
laying by a pool for 38 years. We see he heals Well, he turns the five loaves  
and two fish into enough food to feed 15, 20,000 people, 5,000  
men plus women and children. We've seen that he heals a man  
who was born blind, right? Gives him two brand new eyes.  
And he spits on the ground, makes mud, and then the last thing  
he does is what? Turns, he takes Lazarus, who's  
been in the grave for four days, and he brings him out. And he  
says, Lazarus, come forth. And so we've seen all of that.

We've seen that there've been several people witness that Jesus is the Christ. Peter says, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, right? And so many other people are witnessing to who Jesus is. Behold, the Lamb of God. And so we've also seen those miracles. We've seen, I am the way, the truth, and the life. Not yet, that's chapter 14. We've seen that he's the bread of life, the living water. And so we've seen those things. And here today, as we get back into chapter 13, we've seen that chapter 12, that Jesus says, unless you trust in me, You will never make it into heaven, right? And we see that he walks in, he comes into Jerusalem on that little donkey, humbly riding lowly on the donkey. And they're saying, hail him, hail him. A few days later, they're going to be saying, nail him, nail him, crown him, crown him, crucify him, crucify him. And so Jesus comes in and, and he cleanses the temple one more time. We don't see that in this book, but he cleanses the temple one more time. And what happens they, they, Rejecting completely and he says that you need to walk while you have the light and they didn't listen And so it says he went and hid himself Because they would not listen they got to the place that they could not believe if you will not believe you finally one day will get to the place where you cannot believe and And so Jesus, in chapter 13, we saw that it was the feast of the Passover and he's literally about three, well, actually it's the night before crucifixion, and he's up in that upper room with those disciples. And he's telling them the things that they need to know and we need to know to live the Christian life, right? But he's up there and what happens,

these guys are fighting and arguing over who's the greatest in the kingdom of God. And Jesus, After supper's over, nobody's washed anybody's feet, and they're sitting around this U-shaped table, and pretty well everybody's feet is close to each other, and they're leaning back on each other. It's not like the picture Leonardo da Vinci painted of the big table with everybody sitting in their places. But anyway, so Jesus gets up, guards himself, and washes their feet, right? And then he says, He comes to Peter, Peter says, no, no, never, never shall you wash my feet. And Jesus said, unless I wash you, you shall never have any part of me. And he says, not my feet only, but my hands and everything, cleanse me totally, completely. And he says, you are clean. And he says, you've been bathed, but not all of you are clean, right? And so basically what he says is there's 11 of them there at that table that are saved. And the only one that's not saved is Judas. And Judas has not been saved, but what he's telling Peter and what he tells us as we walk through this old world, if we're Christians, our feet get dirty. We need to use 1 John 1, 9, if we confess our sins, he's faithful just to forgive us our sins and to keep on cleansing us from all unrighteousness, right? Because he died for how many of our sins? All of them, right? Not just some of them, but all of them. And so we've seen that he washes their feet and he says that he wanted not only us, He wasn't setting up an example for foot washing services, but what he was doing was saying serve each other, love each other, care for each other. Do unto others like as I have done to you, not exactly like I've done to you, but serve each

other. I didn't come to be a servant,  
but I came to serve and to give my life as a ransom for many.  
And so he says, if I've washed your feet, then you should wash  
up your own feet. And he says, a servant is not  
greater than his master. And he who has sinned is greater  
than he who sinned. Verse 16, if you know these things,  
blessed are you if you do them. In other words, it's not enough  
to know the word of God, right? But we need to practice. And  
if we're not practicing the word of God, that proves that we've  
never been changed. We might know it up here, but  
we've never gotten it here. And so in verse 18, let's read  
through about verse 30, see if we can get through these verses.  
He says, I do not speak concerning all of you. I knew whom I have  
chosen, that's chapter 13, verse 18, but that the scripture may  
be fulfilled. He who eats bread with me has  
lifted up his heel against me. Now I tell you before it comes  
that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am he.  
Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send  
receives me. And he who receives me receives  
him who sent me. When Jesus had said these things,  
he was troubled in spirit and testified, said, most assuredly,  
I say to you, one of you will betray me. Then the disciples  
looked at one another, perplexed about whom he spoke. Now there  
was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples whom Jesus loved. And Simon Peter, therefore,  
motioned  
to him to ask who it was of whom he spoke. Then leaning back on  
Jesus' breast, he said, Lord, who is it? And Jesus answered,  
it is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have  
dipped it. And having dipped the bread, he gave it to Judas

Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the piece of bread had entered him, after the piece of bread Satan entered him, then Jesus said to him, what you do, do quickly. But no one at the table knew for what reason he said this to him, for some thought that Judas had the money box and that Jesus had said to him, buy those things we need for the feast, or that he should give something to the poor. Having received a piece of bread, he then went out immediately and it was night." So let's look at a couple of things here. We're gonna see, first of all, that he's talking about these people, but he says, I speak of you, but I'm not speaking of all of you, right? I know whom I've chosen, but the scripture may be fulfilled. The one who eats bread with me has lifted up his heel against me. If you know anything about your Bibles, that goes all the way back to Psalm 41, where David is speaking of Ahithophel. He's David's right hand man. And what does he do? He betrays David and turns on him. And he's like his best friend and he turns on him. And to lift up the heel means to put your foot on their neck like to kill them, right? And that's what he's talking about. And Ahithophel tried to have him killed and This is what Judas is doing to Jesus. There was a fulfillment in Ahithophel what he did to David, but there's a far-reaching fulfillment. Sometimes scriptures speak of what's happening in the past, but sometimes the scriptures talk of not only a fulfillment that happened then, but something that's going to happen in the future. Sort of like the virgin shall be with child. You know, there was apparently a woman in Isaiah's time that had a child that was a virgin. But you know what? That spoke of a greater fulfillment, right? That Jesus would be born of a

virgin. That he would be the one that  
Isaiah ultimately spoke about. And scripture does that a lot.  
In the Old Testament, we speak of about of a time. But then  
there's a future fulfillment. There's a partial fulfillment  
at that time. But then later on it comes completely  
to pass. And so he's speaking of Judas  
ultimately what's happening. And so Judas is going to turn  
on him and Judas is going to have him killed ultimately. But  
he says that the scripture might be fulfilled. Remember Jesus  
is going to the cross. That was the whole reason he  
was born, right? To die, to go to the cross, to be buried, to  
rise again the third day, that what? We might have eternal life,  
right? And so if he didn't go to the  
cross, guess what? We can't be saved. We can't go  
to heaven. We can't be forgiven. And so  
the Bible says in Galatians that if Christ if we can be saved  
by the law or anything else, that Christ died in vain. And so he's speaking about Judas  
and he says, most assuredly, remember he's gonna say that  
about three or four times here. Remember every time Jesus says  
most assuredly, what's he say? Listen up folks, what I'm about  
to say is very important. And he says, most assuredly,  
I say to you, one of you will betray me. Can you imagine these  
guys looking around at each other, and they're like, who's gonna  
betray him, you know? And then the disciples are looking  
at each other, perplexed about whom he spoke. See, Judas was  
there the whole time, this three years that they were doing ministry,  
and he kept the treasury box, and he did all these things,  
and he looked like he was a trusted disciple, just like everybody  
else. But you know what, unfortunately,

Judas never was saved. And we'll see a little bit more about that here in a minute. But he says, Now, I tell you it before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am, is really what he's saying. In other words, he's telling them that Judas is gonna betray him. There's one that's gonna betray him, and he doesn't want those disciples to be caught off guard by the fact that he's betrayed, that he goes to the cross and he dies and he's buried. He doesn't want them to think that he doesn't know that, because Jesus is God, right? He knows everything. There were times He didn't know, He chose not to know everything when He was here on earth, right? What did He say? Not even the angels in heaven or the Son of Man knows when, He didn't even know when He was coming back. to get his church. But he said, I don't need a father in heaven. But now that he's in heaven, he knows, right? He just chose to lay that information aside. And so he says, I want you to understand, I'm going to tell you something's going to happen, and I'm going to tell you before it happens so that what? You may know that I'm God, that I am. And so he says, most assuredly, and there's that most assuredly again, I say to you, he who receives whomever I will send, receives me, and he who receives me, receives him who sent me. He's kind of giving Judas another invitation, saying, trust me, Judas, believe on me. Judas was not a robot, he willingly chose to betray Jesus. He thought there was money, power, prestige to be had. And you know what? That's what he wanted. And when he found out that that wasn't going to happen, what does he do? He betrays Jesus for 30 pieces of silver, the price of a slave. And he turns him in so he can

get some money because he realizes this train's going nowhere. That Jesus is not going to be the king, they're not going to conquer Rome, and he's not going to be in charge of everything. And so what is he saying to Judas? He's saying, look, Judas trusted me, believed in me, received me right now, because the Bible says that God's not willing that any should perish, but all should come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that God, every time somebody goes into hell because they won't trust Christ, I believe he sheds a tear, that he's not happy about that, right? God doesn't want us to die. He doesn't want us to go to hell. He wants us to go to heaven. And that's why he gave us all this information and he proved that Jesus was God so that people could come to him and trust in him. But some people will never trust in Christ, unfortunately. And so he says, He looks back, sorry, I kind of got back on myself, and he said, I jumped back, didn't I? Sorry, I jumped back on my scripture. I'm explaining something again. And so he says, the disciples were looking at each other perplexed, and now they was leaning on Jesus bosom, one of his disciples who Jesus loved. So Jesus loves who? All of them, right? But there was a special one that he loved, and John always wrote that he was the disciple that Jesus loved. And I think he did it for two reasons. One, he never did get over the fact that Jesus really loved him so much. And we don't know exactly why he always said that, but he was trying to remain anonymous, right? He didn't want to go around saying, I'm the disciple Jesus loved. But maybe they had this special relationship because John was also the first cousin of Jesus. I don't know if y'all know that. Do you know John the Baptist and John the disciple? Both were the first cousins of Jesus. They were both first cousins.



Both of them were. And maybe they have a special relationship because of their family, but whatever it is, John's always referred to as the disciple that Jesus loves. And so he's leaning back on Jesus' bosom, back on his chest. Remember, they're all sitting around this table, this U-shaped table, and if they're all right-handed, they're leaning on that left elbow with their feet straight out in front of them, and they're eating with their right hand, right? And so they're leaning back and Jesus is there. And Simon Peter, therefore, you know, Simon, he always has to know everything, right? He's the leader of the group. And Simon Peter, therefore, motioned to John, the disciple Jesus loved, and ministered to him to ask who it was. bit of whom he spoke, right? Peter, he got to know who it was, right? And so then leaning back on Jesus' breath, he said to him, Lord, who is it? And maybe he said it really quietly, because I don't think if any of this next part was said out loud, loud enough for the disciples to understand and know that Judas was gonna betray Jesus and he was gonna be killed because of him. I don't think Judas would have ever made it out of that room. They'd have killed him before he got out of the room. And so he says, Lord, who is it? And Jesus answered, John, it is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it. And so we see that Judas, he's on the left-hand side, and he's in the place of honor. And he's sitting in this place of honor. And so Jesus, first of all, gives him an invitation and says, who sent, because he was sent. And if you receive him, you receive the one who sent him. And if you receive the one who sent him, God the father, you receive the son,

right? And so he comes back and he says, he gives him a piece of bread. And really what this, this is kind of a, They kind of translated this, but what it would have been, would it would have been a really good piece of herb or a good piece of meat, a really good piece of meat or a herb. And they would have dipped it in the sauce, right? And then they would have, because he was being honored, Jesus dipped it and basically put it in, put it up to Judas's mouth and fed him and honored him. Honored the one who was gonna kill him. Because see, he was still trying to get to Judas, trying to stop Judas from being the one who betrayed him, the one who was gonna go and tell him where he was at so they could come and find him and kill him. And he's still hurting because Judas is gonna die and go to hell. And he dipped the bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon. And it says, now, after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. See Judas, he'd already made his decision. He'd already decided to turn Christ in. And it says that the moment he did that, that Satan entered him. He wasn't just demon possessed, he was possessed by the demon of demons, Satan. Satan came into him and he entered him. And then Jesus said to him, what you do, do quickly. In other words, I don't know how long you were gonna wait, Judas. I don't know if you wait till tomorrow, what you were gonna do, but Judas, whatever you do, just go on and turn me in. Go ahead and do it because the scripture's gotta be fulfilled, right? This is Thursday night, what happens Friday? They kill all those Passover lambs. And during the time that the Passover lambs are killed, what happens? That's the time that Jesus is

dying because he's the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world, right? And so he was a picture. Jesus was at what those lambs represented was he's the one who's gonna die in our place and die for our sin. That's what John the Baptist said two times, behold, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. And so nobody at the table knew for what reason he said this to him. See, nobody knew. Had they known, you think Judas would have made it out of there alive? I don't think so. If they'd have known that he was gonna turn Jesus in. But he says, for some reason, they thought, for some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus said to him, go buy the things we need, or that he should give something to the poor. And having received a piece of bread, he then went out immediately, and it was night. so Jesus says Judas, whatever you do go and do quickly and He does he gets up he leaves and that's what it says it says He went out immediately and it was night you know what that means he went out into eternal darkness and Because at that point, his fate was sealed. He'd made a decision. He'd given his life to Satan instead of Christ. He'd turned his back on Jesus. And you know what? It was too late for him at that point. He went out. It was night. I don't know if you remember when we've been talking about this book off and on in the book of John and in the book of 1 John that we also taught. Remember, John always uses these term light and darkness, right? And he uses that term light to speak of Jesus and holiness and purity and righteousness and truth. And he speaks of darkness and night to speak of unrighteousness and lies and unholiness and error and all those things, lies. But

see here it says it was night and he went out And so some people want to say that judas lost his salvation Well, you know what the bible says whoever believes has Not will have Salvation but has right now eternal life eternal life is not going to heaven That's part of it. That's the best part of it. But eternal life is is being a Christian right here, right now, I have eternal life. And if you know Christ, you have eternal life. And we experience, that's why we are able to experience that joy and that peace and that abundant life that I talked about a couple of weeks ago, because we are Christians, in spite of the trouble, in spite of the problems, in spite of the pain, in spite of the way we've been treated and the things we've done, we can be forgiven and we can live with joy and peace and abundant life in spite of this stuff. Jesus said, John 16, in this world, you're gonna have tribulation, but be of good cheer. I've overcome the world. And because he's overcome the world, what did we see in 1 John 5? Who is he that overcomes the world? It is he that believes that Jesus is the Christ. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world. Faith is the victory, right? When we trust in Christ, we have the ability to overcome. John 8 says, we are more than conquerors. We are super conquerors through him who died for us. And so we can have that joy, that peace, that abundant life. But Judas, because he turned his back on Jesus, He died and went to hell. He went and hung himself because he was never a believer. Remember what he said? I mean, if Judas was next to Jesus for three years, if Jesus wasn't God, don't you think, or there was something wrong with him, or he did something

wrong and he couldn't prove that he was God, don't you think he'd have told everybody? Because he was along for the ride. But see, Judas went and hung himself because he was never saved. The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 7, verse 9, now rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. See, Judas, later on, he's sorry and he throws the money down. But what does he do? He goes and hangs himself, right? But he says, for you were made sorry in a godly manner that you might suffer loss of nothing. For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation. Not to be regretted, but the sorrow of the world produces death. People don't know the Lord. That's usually where they go to. They will hang themselves, kill themselves, because they don't have the joy of the Lord. Because they don't know what else to do, but they don't realize that when they do that, they're making it way worse because they're not headed to heaven, they're headed to hell. And Judas went and hung himself. And it's a sad case, you know what? But that's why the Bible over and over and over again gives all these pleas, all these questions and says, come to the Lord, turn today. Today is the day of salvation. Harden not your heart. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved over and over and over again. And the Bible says that God's not willing that any should perish, but that all should be saved, right? Come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. And unfortunately, churches are filled with people who like Judas, they heard the words up here, but they never heard them here. They never bowed to me. They never repented. They never turned from their sins. They never asked God to forgive them and save them because they realized they had a need for

a savior. They either thought they were too good to be saved, that they needed to be saved, or they thought they were too bad to be saved. Or they were going to get there by something that the church taught them, that they were going to get there because they were confirmed, or took communion, or baptized, or joined the church, or they were pretty good people. You know, that's what I grew up thinking when I was, for the first almost 30 years of my life, that I was a pretty good fella, and I was going to heaven because I was a pretty good fella. One day in the church, the Lord said, Marty, you're a pretty bad fella. You need me. And I said, oh, God, that's me. And you know what? God heard the cry in my heart that day. If you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth, that's what I did that day. Oh, God, that's me. Save me. I didn't pray a prayer, I didn't say anything, I just said, oh God, that's me, that's what I need. And you know what? God heard what was in here. And he said, Marty, you're my child, starting right now. One day you're gonna be in heaven with me. And that was a glorious day, right? And you know what? That's what it's all about, is that's why Jesus came. He didn't come so that people would do what Judas did, but he came so that we might have life and life abundantly. That we might ultimately one day, we might have that piece of heaven here on earth, but one day we get the full thing when we get to heaven, right? What's that old verse in Romans 8, 18? The suffering of this world is not worthy to be compared with the glory which we'll have in heaven, right? We've got that old rugby cross right now, but one day we're gonna exchange it. for a crown, amen? Let's pray. Father, we thank

you for these folks here today. We just lift each person up here. We pray that each and every person here that knows that they know that they know if they died today that they'd go to heaven. And if they don't, Lord, I would just ask you to forgive them right now. I ask you to save them as we celebrate the fact that Jesus died for our sins. First Corinthians chapter 15, verse three and four, he was buried. And He rose again the third day, as we sang, up from the grave He arose. He conquered death, He conquered hell, and He died and was buried. He rose again the third day so that we could be forgiven and saved and declared righteous. And so, Father, thank You that when there was no way to get to heaven, You made a way through Jesus, that He purchased us with His own blood, as it says in Acts 20, verse 28. So Lord, we ask that somebody here, if they don't know you, they would ask you to forgive them and save them. Or maybe stay after and talk to me a few minutes if they've got some questions and don't understand. Lord, and the rest of us that know that we know that we know if we died today we'd go to heaven, that we just thank you for who you are and what you've done. And how much you loved us, that you gave your only begotten son to whoever. believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life and we thank you for that in Jesus name amen well God bless y'all.