

Jesus' Love Amid Betrayal

John 13:18-30

Main Point:

Be supported in your times of struggle by remembering Jesus' love and experience.

1. Jesus has a loving concern for you.
2. Jesus lovingly endured much trouble for you.
3. Jesus lovingly allowed Himself to be betrayed for you.
4. Remember Jesus' love and experience in your own times of struggle.

Psalm 41:9 9 Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up *his* heel against me. (NKJV)

Gordon Keddie “Jesus knew how much Judas’ duplicity would shake the faith of the other eleven disciples. Perhaps they might think that Judas had outwitted Jesus. They needed to be assured that this was the outworking of God’s plan and that Jesus was fully aware of what was about to transpire. That is why he tells them ‘before it comes’.”

1 Peter 1:5 5 [You] are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (NKJV)

John 11:33 33 Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. (NKJV)

John 12:27 27 “Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour. (NKJV)

R.C. Sproul “It is one thing to be hated by your enemy. However, to be betrayed by a friend is one of the darkest experiences that a human being can endure.”

Sinclair Ferguson “John has just recorded our Lord’s exhortation to the Apostles to follow His example. But now he seems to pause the action for a moment so that we can reflect on the costliness of the reality to which the Savior’s acted parable has pointed.”

James 4:7 7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. (NKJV)

Richard Phillips “Our Lord was not caught unawares by Judas’s betrayal. Jesus did not fall into Judas’s or Satan’s trap. Instead, Jesus was obeying and even orchestrating events according to the foreordained will of God the Father.”

J.C. Ryle “Passages like these should make us see the amazing love of Christ to sinners. How many cups of sorrow he drained to the dregs in working out our salvation, beside the mighty cup of bearing our sins!”

Hebrews 4:15-16 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (NKJV)