

“Who is Jesus?”: Sovereign at Night
John 13:18-30

Introduction:

- Read John 13:12-20 (“Hour” had come – fulfillment, word, Passover)

The Account

A) Fulfillment of the Sovereign Lord (**vv.18-20**)

- a. The Word fulfilled
 - i. **Psalm 41:9**, *“Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.”*
 - ii. **Acts 1:15-17, 15** *In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, 16 “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. 17 For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”* (Then in verses 20-26 Peter emulates what His savior modeled in preaching and practice)
- b. The Word fulfilled for belief
 - i. In who He is (v.19)
 - ii. His authority (v.20)
 1. **John 5:24,27**, *“24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.... 27 And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.”*

2. **Matt. 28:18-20, 18** *And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

B) Betrayal of the Sovereign Lord (**vv.21-30**)

- a. The Person of Christ
 - i. Humanity (“troubled” mentioned often in John, the writer who goes to great length to emphasize Christ’s deity)
 - ii. Deity
- b. The Disciples
 - i. The Beloved (John’s description of himself is full of grace and mercy, not self-adulation)
 - ii. Peter (intense, curious, but through John)
 - iii. The Rest (deceived by Judas)
- c. Judas identified
 - i. The morsel (final extension of love)
 - ii. Hardening
- d. Satan’s work
 - i. “Satan” – the enemy / adversary / accuser
 - ii. **John 10:18**, *“No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”*
 - iii. **John 12:31-33, “31** *Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” 33 He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.”*

- e. At night
 - i. **Luke 22:52-53**, "**52** Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? **53** When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."
 - ii. **John 3:19-21**, "**19** And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. **20** For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. **21** But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

The Application

- A) There is a REAL battle for your soul
- B) Belief is bound up in Christ, who is the fulfillment of scripture, fully human, fully divine. Do you believe in WHO HE IS?
- C) The mark of a true disciple is the willingness to follow, even to the death.
 - a. GOD-MAN-CHRIST-RESPONSE
 - b. In a moment, you'll take a morsel of bread. What separates you as a Peter or Judas is what you do over the long haul after you leave the table.
 - c. Don't you think Peter felt like the betrayer when he denied Christ three times? Yet, the goodness and grace of Christ brought him into a life of joy-filled, suffering-laden, service unto the Lord. His calling and election was proven over time. Judas, however, killed himself out of grief and self-hatred.
 - d. Someone has to die for our sin, either ourselves or trusting that Christ has literally died in our place (PASSOVER)