

Gospel of John: Teachings of the Master- Week 2: John 13:18-30

April Memory Verse: John 1:18 (ESV)

1. God advances HIS Kingdom.

John 13:18-21 (ESV) ¹⁸ I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' ¹⁹ I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me." ²¹ After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me."

1 Thess. 2:13 (ESV) And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

2. Focus on Christ and Kingdom NOT man's calamity.

John 13:22-25 (ESV) ²² The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. ²³ One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side, ²⁴ so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵ So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?"

Matthew 26:20-25 (ESV) ²⁰ When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹ And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." ²² And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" ²³ He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." ²⁵ Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

There are two things that speak to me about this:

1. Our actions either affirm our confession or affirm our disbelief.

1 John 2:19 (ESV) They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.

2. God is going to work His sovereign plan in broken situations.

Rom. 9:4-6 (ESV) ⁴ *They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. ⁶ But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel,*

3. Resist evil and reveal good.

John 13:26-30 (ESV) ²⁶ *Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." ²⁸ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹ Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰ So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.*

Matthew 5:15 (ESV) *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

James 4:12-15 (ESV) ¹² *Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.*

James 4:7-8 (ESV) ⁷ *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

Close:

1. SUBMIT TO GOD. (JAMES 4:7-8)
2. BE STEADFAST IN TRIAL. (James 4:12-15)
3. RESIST EVIL AND REVEAL GOOD. (Ephesians 5:11)

Interpretation: *Follow up questions.*

- When we think through our beliefs and actions, do they line up? Why or why not?
- Is there a time you have clearly seen God move amidst man's brokenness?
- What does it look like to resist evil? How can we reveal good?

Application: *Action Steps.*

- Jesus models many things and one was, "wasted opportunity." Upon examining of your life, do you see wasted opportunity? Do our lives reveal the light of God? Where are our gospel opportunities?