

JOHN 13:18-30
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Joh 13:1 Now before the feast of the passover, **when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.**

In **John 13, -** Jesus must deal with many issues. His time on earth is rapidly drawing to a close. He is having a regularly scheduled meeting (Passover) with his closest confidants. His love for these men who had spent the past 3 years following Him on the dusty roads of the Palestinian outback is about to be demonstrated in ways that will boggle the disciples minds. This Demonstration of Love by Jesus has taken an awkward turn for the disciples as Jesus dons the garb of a lowly servant and washes the feet of the disciples. Peter's incredulity and reluctance to submit is openly expressed in 13:8, but undoubtedly his reservations were felt within the heart of each man there.

In spite of the tenderness of this occasion and the shortness of the remaining earthly sojourn of our Lord, He has a couple of unpleasant issues that must be dealt with

First He had to get the true Apostles **hearts right** over the matter of true greatness.

The author of **Hebrews 12** succinctly addresses a truth regarding God's relationship with those He loves.

Heb 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

and **secondly**, He had to deal with **Judas**. There is a **PURGING** underway – wrong hearts and wrong men will have no part in the coming Kingdom in its unfolding manifestation. To the true believers, Jesus admonishes them to heed the example of Humility that he has just demonstrated for them – even to the point of washing the feet of Judas who was about to betray Him! But with Judas – he goes on to demonstrate another principal of the coming Kingdom.

Matt. 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, **have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?**
23 **And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**

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RE-READ **JOHN 13:13-17.**

Jesus is in essence saying, If you would be happy, be like me in the area of your obedience to the will of the Father. This is a tall order. We sing about it, we say it, but do we really want to be more like the master?

FORGIVENESS - TANN #1722 - CZESLAW GODLEWSKI 1946, gunned down 10 members of the Wilhelm Hamelmann family - all died but Wilhelm. **20 years later**, when his sentence was served, Godlewski was to be released, but the state would not release him because he had nowhere to go. Wilhelm learned of the

situation and asked that he be released into his custody."Christ died for my sins and forgave me. Should I not then forgive this man?"

Mark EMed a picture of a poster via facebook last week . Pastor Tony Evans, - can't find it but the essence of it was that as believers, often our healing begins when we truly Forgive others.

Aaron Hernandez found guilty of first-degree murder *By Dan Wetzel 1 hour ago*

FALL RIVER, Mass. – A jury found [Aaron Hernandez](#) guilty of murder in the first degree for the 2013 shooting death of Odin Lloyd, ending forever his life of NFL fame and fortune. A Bristol County jury of seven women and five men deliberated for 36 hours over seven days before reaching a unanimous verdict on the former [New England Patriots](#) star. They said the murder rose to first degree due to Hernandez acting with extreme atrocity or cruelty. The conviction carries a sentence of automatic life in prison without the possibility of parole. Hernandez, 25, stood stone-faced as the verdict was read, only to collapse into a chair as the guilty charges piled on. Behind him, his fiancée Shayanna Jenkins wept uncontrollably on the shoulder of Teri Hernandez, Aaron's mother. Lloyd's family, who during the trial made a daily pilgrimage to this old mill town 50 miles south of Boston, wept and embraced as the verdict was read.

"Stay strong, stay strong," Hernandez mouthed to his mother and Jenkins. Moments later, he was placed in handcuffs.

Formal sentencing took place about 30 minutes later. Before the sentence was handed down, Ursula Ward, Lloyd's mother, stood before the court.

"The day I laid my son Odin to rest, I felt my heart stop beating for a moment," she said, fighting back tears. "I felt like I wanted to go into that hole with my son, Odin. "... I forgive the hands of the people who had a hand in my son's murder, even before or after, and I pray and hope that someday everyone out there will forgive them also."

After four of Lloyd's family members spoke of their son, brother, nephew and cousin, the sentence came down: Aaron Hernandez will spend the rest of his life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Kelsey Grammer Explains Why He Felt Guilty for His Sister's Murder

By LESLEY MESSER 22 minutes ago [Good Morning America](#)

[Kelsey Grammer](#) Explains Why He Felt Guilty for His Sister's Murder (ABC News)

Last year, [Kelsey Grammer](#) said that he forgave the man who murdered his sister four decades ago.

He's also forgiven himself.

"I know a lot of people who've lost their siblings and blame themselves," he said in a new interview with [Vanity Fair](#). "It's hard to explain. It's not rational. But it happens anyway."

In 1975, the actor's younger sister Karen, then 18 and living in Colorado, was abducted and killed by Freddie Glenn, who was convicted and sentenced to life in prison. Grammer, 60, told a Colorado parole board last July his inability to "protect" his younger sister "very nearly destroyed" him. He also added that while he understood that Glenn felt remorse for the crimes, he did not think that he should be released from prison.

"I believe the gift of life and freedom he took from my sister precludes him from ever being allowed to enjoy that gift for himself," he explained to [Vanity Fair](#). "He took her future from her with no regard for her whatsoever. He assumed he had a right to do so. He assumed she was his property, and that the precious gift God gave her was his to take."

The "Frasier" actor, now heading to Broadway for "Finding Neverland," said that while his sister's death is still painful, he has begun to heal. However, he added, the tragedies he endured have helped him appreciate what he has.

"That every one of us is going to experience some terrible loss. I just got a big dose. For every story you hear that's tragic, there's another that's equally tragic or more so. I think you come to look at it as part of life."

To be like Jesus means that we must love like Jesus, and if we love like Jesus then we will live like Jesus, and if we live like Jesus, we will Serve like he served, we will seek to do the will of the Father, we will Seek our Father's approval and not that of men. - then we will be happy!

13:18 - THE HAPPINESS OF V. 17 IS NOT FOR EVERYONE - IT IS ONLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE THE CHOSEN OF THE LORD.

John 13:18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

I. THE DAMNING DISBELIEF OF JUDAS

Read **John 13:18-20**

Many will play the game of "church". They will do all the right things and Say the right things. They will appear to be walking with the Lord. But **If they do not truly know the lord, they will never experience the Happiness that Christ mentions in v. 17. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.**

Obedience will be DRUDGERY and not DELIGHT, it will bring BLISTERS but NO BLESSINGS, it will seem EMPTY AND MEANINGLESS INSTEAD OF FULL AND RICH.

Because, when we do not love the giver of the law, when we do not know that He has given it to us for good and not for evil, when we serve in order to try and earn his love instead of serving because we are enjoying his love, **we are OBEYING IN THE SPIRIT OF JUDAS AND NOT THE SPIRIT OF GOD!**

MANY THERE ARE THAT EAT BREAD WITH THE LORD - ONLY TO LIFT UP THEIR HEEL TO HIM WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH. (CF. Lk.:14: 33 **So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.**)

JUDAS WAS JUST SUCH A MAN.

MATT. 10:1&4 SENDING OUT OF THE TWELVE.

Mat 10:1 And when He had called His twelve disciples to *Him*, He gave them power *over* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

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Mat 10:4 Simon the Cananite, and **Judas Iscariot**, who also betrayed Him.

JUDAS was in the **inner circle** - he was **able to heal, and exorcise demons, and preach the gospel**. He was with the others in the upper room, when Jesus washed the feet of the twelve - Judas appeared to be one of them! **Yet, Christ knew from the beginning that Judas was a betrayer! Never-the-less, He loved him!**

JESUS KNEW, YET HE KEPT THIS INFORMATION TO HIMSELF, UNTIL THE APPOINTED TIME!

JN. 13:1 ". . . WHEN JESUS KNEW THAT HIS HOUR WAS COME THAT HE SHOULD DEPART OUT OF THIS WORLD. . ."

NOW, IN THE FULLNESS OF THE TIME, JESUS EXPOSES THE **TREACHERY OF JUDAS.**
WHY?

John 13:19 **Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.**

It was a sign to the others that Jesus was who he claimed to be. Jesus knew all things. He knew that at the culmination of this night, he would be taken by men and slain. The disciples had been told, and are here told again, so that after these things happened, they might continue to believe.

The **most popular cult** in America says that it was all a mistake, that god never intended for Christ to die. They claim that their church is the only true church, and that in these **latter days**, god's plan is finally falling into place. Hogwash! God's plans are never thwarted! Because God is God. His plans are "His-story" in the making, not a hodgepodge of bungled attempts.

JUDAS DID NOT DECEIVE GOD. HIS TREACHERY WAS KNOWN BY THE FATHER AND BY THE SON.

IT WAS NOT AN ABERRATION IN GOD'S PLAN, BUT A MEANS TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOD'S PLAN!

READ - John 13:21 When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **one of you will betray Me.**"

II. THE DOUBTING DISBELIEF OF THE DISCIPLES

READ John 13:22-29

THEY FOUND IT INCREDULOUS THAT ONE COULD BE IN THEIR INNER CIRCLE, AND YET, BETRAY THEIR LORD.

John 13:22 Then the disciples looked one on another, **doubting** of whom he spake.

Matthew 13:24 Another parable put He forth unto them, saying, **The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.**

HEBREWS PASSAGES - **"CONTINUANCE IN THE FAITH IS EVIDENCE THAT WE POSSES TRUE FAITH."**

Hebrews 3:5 And **Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant**, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; But **Christ as a son over his own house**; whose house are we, **IF WE HOLD FAST THE CONFIDENCE AND THE REJOICING OF THE HOPE FIRM UNTO THE END.**

Heb 6:9 But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, **things that accompany salvation**, though we speak in this manner.

10 For God *is* not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, *in that* you have **ministered to the saints, and do minister.**

11 And we desire that **each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end,**

12 that you do not become sluggish, but **imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.**

Heb .10:26-31 For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

Hebrews 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, **suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?**

Hebrews 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

(****THE HEBREW PASSAGES WERE ALLUDED TO BUT NOT READ!!! 1989)

THE SIMPLE BUT SAD TRUTH IS, MANY CANNOT CONTINUE, BECAUSE MANY ARE NOT TRUE BELIEVERS!

1 Jn 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; **for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.**

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II COR. 4:3-6

- 3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,
- 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.
- 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.
- 6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. **NKJV**

Jn. 1:4 ff. Christ = light.

Joh 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Joh 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

CHRIST'S PROMISE OF LIGHT **John 8:12** Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light** of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the **light of life**.

JOHN 3:19 – 21

Joh 3:19 **And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.**

Joh 3:20 **For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.**

Joh 3:21 **But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.**

SIGNIFICANCE OF SOP GESTURE - ERGO, A FRIENDLY GESTURE. PROXIMITY OF JUDAS TO CHRIST - SEATED NEXT TO HIM.

Closing Illustration. 2015 – does not appear to be accurate!

"When **Leonardo Da Vinci** was painting his masterpiece, "The Last Supper". he sought for a long time for a model for his Christ. At last he located a chorister in one of the churches of Rome who was lovely in life and features, a young man named **Pietro Bandinelli**.

Years past and the painting was still unfinished. All the disciples had been portrayed save one - **Judas Iscariot**. **Now he started to find a man whose face was hardened and distorted by sin - and at last he found a beggar on the streets of Rome with a face so villainous that he shuddered when he looked at him.** He hired the man to sit for him as he painted the face of Judas on his masterpiece. When he was about to dismiss the man, he said, "I have not yet found out your name." I am Pietro Bandinelli, " he replied, "I also sat for you as your model for Christ." tann #5717.

(however, the picture was not painted on canvas, as this Paul Tann illustration says. It was a fresco. ALSO: There is no historical basis for this story based on stuff I read on the internet. It is a great illustration – but I could not verify that it was true. The painting only took 2 years to complete according to one source.)

ROMANS 6:23 FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH; BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

*This message was originally done (1989) after a 2 month hiatus for the holidays when a variety of other messages were done. There was a review of the events leading up to this meal together and especially of the "purging" that Jesus was doing prior to giving the dissertations in **13:10 - 17:ff**. First He had to get the true Apostles hearts right over the matter of true greatness, and secondly, He had to deal with Judas.*