



"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)

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WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY
The Glory of Christ's Omniscience

CONTEXT:

We are reminded that the theme of John 13:1-30 is "cleansing". Prior to the intimate, personal, loving an hope-filled conversation that Jesus will have with the Eleven recorded in John 13:31-John 16, there is a cleansing of the individual disciples and there is a cleansing of the group – the expulsion of Judas.

Verses [2; 10-11; 18-19](#) give us hints of this climatic removal.

TEXT: John 13:21-30 in Chronological Bible

"After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me."" (John 13:21, ESV) "And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. 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."" (Matthew 26:22–24, ESV) "The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side, so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" 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. Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him."" (John 13:22–27a, ESV) "Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."" (Matthew 26:25, ESV) "Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. 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. So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night." (John 13:27b–30, ESV)

THE NARRATIVE

APPLICATION

What is the message for us?" John 13:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he.

When the events take place (namely the betrayal of Jesus) this confirms that what Christ said is true, therefore confirming that He is God. (cf: [Isaiah 42:8-9](#))

To foretell the future because it is a recorded prophesy is one thing; but to foretell the future based upon what you see in the heart of a person is a God-thing. The Son of God knew exactly what was in Judas' heart. He knew His intention. He knew exactly what was going to happen. This is a God-thing. [Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 139:1-4](#)

Jason Helopoulos writes,

"God knows our weaknesses, failings, and sins, but instead of that knowledge causing Him to despise us, He responds with care for us. Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me" (John 10:14). My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, our Good Shepherd knows us thoroughly. Nothing about us, from the greatest to the slightest thing, from the most obvious to the most private thing, remains hidden from Him. In fact, He knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows us through and through, yet He does not despise us. On the contrary, the better a shepherd knows his sheep, the better he can provide for those sheep."¹
For the Christian there is no truth more comforting than the truth that God knows your heart. For the unbeliever it ought to be the greatest terror.

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