



Judas' Choice

- Judas chooses the darkness over the light and rejects Jesus
- Satan enters him (v27)
- He leaves immediately and goes out 'into the night' (v30b)
- Prompted by Jesus' words, 'What you do; do quickly.' (v27b)

Application

1. A contrast is shown between the beloved disciple and Judas
 - One remains in the light/close to Jesus
 - Judas chooses darkness/self and rejects the light of Jesus

2. There is a tension in the passage revealing the push and pull of belief or unbelief

- Of seeking power, control, self, or giving ourselves to the love of Jesus
- The crisis of commitment
- The ongoing choice for Jesus and life

3. The reality of evil and its action in our world

- Its power seen in the choices of Judas
- Its power/ influence in all of our lives
- Therefore the need to put on the armour of God (Jesus)

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.'

Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come."

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

John 13:31-35

II. The Declaration of Glory (v31-38)

1. The air clears / the tension lifts
 - 'When he had gone out' (v31)
 - Jesus now alone with the devoted disciples

2. Jesus speaks of glory/ glorification

- Use of 'glory' – 5x (v31-32)
- Glory – speaks of Jesus return to the Father which glorifies both Father and Son
- So the glory language brings us back to verse 1 – "Jesus returning to the Father ..."

3. Giving of a new commandment (v34-35)

- Similar to Leviticus 19:18b, "you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord."
- But new as it pivots on 'love as Jesus loved us' not on how we love ourselves
- So the love command is taken to the new level of sacrificial love one for the other

4. Jesus' Covenant with us

- The new love is based on the new covenant which Jesus makes with us
- His love for us
- Our love for others which mirrors his love

Application

This sacrificial love is demonstrated in the other Gospels through the Last Supper

- We have seen that in John it is portrayed through the washing of feet
- Our practice of communion continues in this spirit of the new covenant

