

WOULD YOU BETRAY THE SON OF MAN?

John 13:21-30

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INTRODUCTION: THE HEART OF JOHN 13

John was the final Gospel written, decades after the first three. It is 93% unique.

Synoptic

forming a general summary or synopsis.

Proposition: Jesus sovereignly directed His life and death so that we can have confidence in Him and hope in His ultimate victory.

Jesus was not a victim of Judas as we will clearly see. And if He was not a victim, then every event must have gone according to His direction.

I. JESUS KNEW JUDAS

A. CHOSEN, BUT A DEVIL, 6:66-71

John 6:66-71

? Why did Judas stick around? What was he hoping to gain?

B. A POSITION OF TRUST, BUT A THIEF, 12:1-6

C. HONORED, BUT SATANIC, 13:26

Demon possession/entering him

Satan must have thought this an incredible coup, but really, he was just playing into Jesus' hands.

II. JESUS CONTROLLED THE SITUATION

Jesus determined exactly the events of His life, including His death.

A. PERFECT TIMING

One peculiarity of John is his attention to timing. He marks days and successions of days. He uses the word "hour" more than any other Gospel writer.

Eg. John 1:39; 4:6; 52

In John, Jesus controlled what happened and when. Or, at the very least, He was in tune with God's time table.

John 2:4; 7:30 (how would you like to go through life like that?);
8:20; 12:20, 27; 13:1

B. PERFECT SOVEREIGNTY, 10:14-18

Acts 2:23, 24

this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death. But God raised *Him* up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for *Him* to be held in its power.

C. PERFECT COMMAND

And it isn't just that Jesus controls the timing of the event, He directs the expediency of it. "What you do, do quickly."

With this Jesus accomplished two things.

1. He Set Events In Motion, Leading To The Cross
2. He Effectively Removed Judas and Satan From The Upper Room.

D. PERFECT EMOTIONS

CONCLUSION: NOT THE VICTIM, BUT THE VICTOR

Jesus is not a victim. He is not a pathetic figure. He is not like the Koran makes *Him* out to be, someone who had to run away from death. Everything went as Jesus determined.

It was night, cp. John 1:5

Job 42:2

I know that You can do all things,
And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.

Jesus is the man who looked death straight in the face, let death do with Him what it could and then defeated death not by escaping it, but by dying and rising again proving that it had no power over Him!

? Do you wonder why we need not fear or worry?

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

APPLICATION:

Because Jesus was not a victim, we have confidence in the cross.

Because Jesus was in control, we have hope.

Because of how Jesus faced death, we can control our emotions.