

Comfort in Crisis

1. It seems that no one suspected Judas as the betrayer (v. 22). Discuss how outward appearance does not always reveal the heart.

2. Satan entered Judas (v. 27). Why do you think that was possible? How does this issue affect us today?

3. Discuss some times when we have good intentions for God (like Peter in verses 36 and 37), yet to not succeed as planned. How do you think Peter felt when Jesus told him that Peter would deny Christ? Why do you think Peter denied knowing Jesus?

4. How does believing in God give comfort (v. 14:1)? What is God preparing for us? Why should we be comforted by this fact?

5. John 14:6 is one of the more popular verses in Bible. Why do you think this is so? Discuss how you might use this verse with an unsaved person.

John 13

¹⁸"I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.' ¹⁹Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He. ²⁰Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

²¹When 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." ²²Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke.

²³Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. ²⁴Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke.

²⁵Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

²⁶Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

²⁷Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." ²⁸But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him. ²⁹For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy those things we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor.

³⁰Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night.

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³⁶Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward."

³⁷Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake."

³⁸Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times."

John 14

¹"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ²In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And where I go you know, and the way you know."

⁵Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Motherhood: A Portrait of Leadership

Read: John 13:1-17, 31-35**Monday**

1-4 — These two verses give the background of what Jesus knew; list what Jesus knew. How did the knowledge of these things affect what He was about to do? How would having the confidence of verse 3 help you to be a better servant?

Tuesday

5-8a — What is the significance of washing feet? Why would Peter question such an action? How much different would you be than Peter? Are there some things that you do not “understand now”? Is it comforting to know that you *will* understand them someday?

Wednesday

8b-11 — What was Peter's response in verse 9? What are some times when we think that if a little is good, more must be better? What are some examples where we might require more for a relationship with Jesus than what He expects? What do you think He meant by the word “clean”?

Thursday

12-17 — Why do you think Jesus used a question? What lesson was He trying to teach His disciples? What does this tell us about leadership? How can we keep this example going in our relationships? How do we become happy or “blessed”?

Friday

31-33 — What does “glorify” mean? In what ways does the Father glorify Himself? How does He glorify the Son of Man? Why do you think Jesus calls Himself the Son of Man? How do you think people felt when Jesus told them that they could not come with Him? How would *you* feel?

Saturday

34,35 — What is the new commandment? What is new about it? How will others know that we are followers of Jesus? How difficult is it to do this? What are some ways that we can improve this? What is one thing that you can do this week to improve this?