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Traitor

John 13:21-30

John 13 is a difficult chapter. The shadow of betrayal looms over the entire chapter. There is a traitor among the disciples, Judas. It is difficult to understand any betrayal, even more so when Judas betrays Jesus. Behind Judas' betrayal is fulfilled messianic prophecy. Judas' betrayal was foretold in the Old Testament. There is not a prophecy that Jesus does not fulfill, even if it means He is betrayed. It is one more instance that proves that Jesus is the Messiah.

Additional Verses:

2 Samuel 11:3, 15, 23:34

Zechariah 11:12-13

Acts 1:25

Psalm 41, 55

Matthew 27:3-4

Outline:

1. Jesus fulfills all Messianic prophecies.

2. Jesus calls people to believe He is the Messiah.

Study Questions:

1. How does Judas' betrayal fulfill messianic prophecy? How is Jesus like David in Psalm 41?

2. Why is betrayal so painful? How does Judas' betrayal impact Jesus? Explain how Judas was a willing participant, even though his actions were predicted?

3. In what ways does Jesus not meet people's expectations today? What are they really looking for in a Messiah?

4. Why does Jesus use this as an example to believe He is "I am?" What does this say about Jesus' sovereignty? How does that provide comfort today?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?