



# Believe

JOHN

MESSAGE

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## The Beloved Disciple vs. Judas the Betrayer

Bible Reading: John 13:1, 16-31, 34-35

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### Jesus at supper with his disciples

- A. Washing the disciples' feet
- B. Troubled about his coming betrayal
- C. Revealing to the beloved disciple who it would be
- D. Satan entering into the heart of Judas

### Judas – what a disciple should not be

- A. This gospel is written in a retrospective manner
  1. Judas is named early as the one who would betray Jesus
  2. The inner aspects of Judas' life are exposed
  3. Judas is an example of what a disciple should not be
- B. Description of Judas
  1. Called a devil – 6:70-71
  2. Critical of Mary – 12:4-6
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    2. Exposed as a thief
  3. Devil put into his heart to betray Jesus (before the supper) – 13:2
  4. Not clean (even though he had his feet washed) – 13:10b-11

5. Treacherous and faithless – 13:18
  6. Eating bread with Jesus yet Satan entered his heart – 13:26-27
  7. Dismissed by Jesus – 13:27b “What you are going to do, do quickly.”
- C. A gradual negative development rather than an abrupt turnaround
- D. Betrays the trust of Jesus and his fellow disciples
- E. He ceases to be a disciple of Jesus
- F. This gospel doesn't portray Judas as being weak – no mention of 30 pieces of silver
- G. Yet Jesus did not expose him publicly
1. Jesus gave him multiple opportunities to change his course
  2. Same with us

## The disciple Jesus loved – what a disciple should be

- A. The first time he is identified as the “disciple whom Jesus loved.” – 13:23
1. May be the unnamed disciple in John 1:35-40
  2. His name is intentionally not mentioned in the whole gospel
  3. He is finally identified as the writer of this gospel – 21:20,24
- B. A contrast from Judas
- C. The beloved disciple embodies what is a true disciple
- D. Description of what a disciple should be
1. Following, staying with and remaining with Jesus – 1:35-40
  2. Intimate and tender with Jesus – 13:23
  3. Staying with Jesus in most difficult situation – at the cross – 19:26-27
  4. One of the first to go to the tomb and believe – 20:7-8
  5. First to recognize Jesus on the sea shore – 21:7
  6. A true and ideal witness – 21:24

## The new commandment – the heart and life of a disciple of Jesus – 13:34-35

- A. Love each other as Christ loves us
1. Love to the point of sacrifice – as washing feet is picture of such sacrifice
- B. This is the mark of a disciple of Jesus

## Application