The Gospel of John

Chapter 13, Verses 21-29

General Introduction

- one of the four gospels, each of which is a biography of Jesus and an historical narrative of his life
- one of the *five Johannine books*, all of which are among the last books in the Bible to have been written
- written in Greek, primarily to those who already believed in Christ, including both Jews and Gentiles

- Flow of the Narrative to this Point:
 - Prolog: the Word became flesh (1:1-18)
 - John the Baptist introduced Jesus, Jesus performed many signs, and Jesus' ministry soon surpassed John's (1:19-3:36).
 - Retreating to Galilee, Jesus passed through Samaria where he was recognized as the Savior of the World. (Chapter 4).
 - In Galilee crowds followed Jesus, but for the wrong reasons, and they finally could not accept his teaching. All but the 12 disciples turned away from him (Chapter 6).

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- In Judea the Jews persecuted and hated Jesus, because he healed on the Sabbath and called God his father. (Chapter 5)
- Although Jesus knew the Jews there were plotting to kill him, he came to Jerusalem for the <u>Feast of Tabernacles</u>, and began to teach openly. By the end of Chapter 8, Jesus was obliged to hide himself from those who would throw stones at him (Chapters 7 & 8)

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- Jesus found and gave sight to a <u>man blind from birth</u>. The man believed and worshipped Jesus. The Pharisees, by contrast, remained spiritually blind. (Chapter 9)
- Jesus described himself as the "<u>door of the sheep</u>" and "<u>the</u> <u>good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep</u>." He said that the Pharisees did not believe him because they were not his sheep. Once again they picked up stones to throw at him. So Jesus crossed the Jordan to where John had been baptizing at first and many believe in him there. (Chapter 10)

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Jesus returned to Judea, raised Lazarus from the dead, and many believed. Over the objection of Judas, Mary anointed Jesus with expensive ointment before he entered Jerusalem on a donkey. Later his disciples would recognize that these things had been in fulfillment of prophesy. God spoke from heaven, yet the Jews questioned how Jesus could be at once the Messiah and the Son of Man who would be lifted up. He urged them to believe in him while they still had the chance.

At this point, Jesus public ministry ended. (11:1 - 12:36)

Commentary by John

- John observes that the inability of the Jews to believe in Jesus was not unusual or surprising for them. Such had always been their behavior. Furthermore, their rejection of Christ was in specific fulfillment of Biblical prophesy. (12:37-43)
- Chapter 12 ends with a recapitulation of Jesus' teachings to this point, emphasizing his oneness with the Father and the fact that he had come from the Father for the sole purpose of saving all who would believe. (12:44-50)

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 Knowing that the time had nearly arrived for him to die and return to the Father, and that the devil had already put it in Judas' heart to betray him, Jesus interrupted an evening meal by washing his disciples' feet. He did this in order to teach them a lesson which (he said) they did not understand at first, but would understand later. Peter's resistance to what Jesus did, demonstrates his lack of understanding and (also I think) his (and our) prideful reluctance to accept the grace of God. (13:1-11)

Review (Last Week's Lesson)

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- After he had finished washing his disciples' feet, Jesus sat back down and explained to them the meaning of what he had just done --- i.e. there is nothing they should be too proud to do for one another. (13:12-17)
- This lesson was directed to Jesus' disciples, with whom he and the Father were united, but this did not include all of them. Jesus knew who would betray him and was preparing the others for this, in advance, so that when it happened it would strengthen rather than weaken their faith. (13:18-20)

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- Such betrayal was shocking and disturbing, even to Jesus, who knew in advance that this must happen.

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 - Judas' immortal soul is in the greatest possible danger! (Read Mark 14:21)

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- For now, I think it is sufficient to infer from what follows that Jesus probably spent more time talking to the "beloved disciple" and sometimes shared more information with him than he did with other disciples.

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- There is, of course, no way to know these things.

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- This is the language of detestation (Calvin).

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- But even he probably did not know what Judas would do.

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 Regarding the meaning of the words Jesus had spoken to Judas, John remembers that most people thought it had something to do with Judas' role as treasurer of the group. ある人々は、ユダが金入れをあずかっていたので、イエスが彼に、 「祭のために必要なものを買え」と言われたか、あるいは、貧し い者に何か施させようとされたのだと思っていた。

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 That one of the possibilities was purchasing what was needed for the feast, adds support to the idea that all of these things happened before the Passover, and that this supper was not a Passover meal.

 Please note that the Feast of Unleavened Bread <u>begins</u> with the Passover Meal.

- 13:30ユダは一きれの食物を受けると、すぐに出て行った。時は夜であった。
- 13:31さて、彼が出て行くと、イエスは言われた、「今や人の子は栄光を受けた。神もまた彼によって 栄光をお受けになった。
- 13:32彼によって栄光をお受けになったのなら、神ご 自身も彼に栄光をお授けになるであろう。すぐにも お授けになるであろう。

13:33子たちよ、わたしはまだしばらく、あなたがたと一緒にいる。あなたがたはわたしを捜すだろうが、すでにユダヤ人たちに言ったとおり、今あなたがたにも言う、『あなたがたはわたしの行く所に来ることはできない』。

13:34わたしは、新しいいましめをあなたがたに与える、互に愛し合いなさい。わたしがあなたがたを愛したように、あなたがたも互に愛し合いなさい。

13:35互に愛し合うならば、それによって、あなたがたがわたしの弟子であることを、すべての者が認めるであろう」。

- ³⁰ So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.
- ³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.
- ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once.
- ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.'

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

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- Christ's command is new in these ways: we know what it looks like and, in the power of his Spirit, we can actually do it.

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- These are the kinds of things that enthusiastic young Christians have often said.

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