

The Son of Man is Glorified

- **The Betrayal Foretold**

Jesus announces at the table that one of His disciples will betray Him. Each disciple humbly asks, “Lord, is it I?” Judas, however, calls Him “Rabbi,” showing his lack of recognition of Christ’s lordship.

- **Synoptic vs. John’s Gospel**

- The Synoptics (Matthew, Mark, Luke) present a shared narrative of the betrayal.
- John emphasizes Jesus’ divinity, unique content, and purpose: to reveal Him as the Son of God so that people may believe and have life.

- **Human Heart and Self-Deception**

Scripture teaches that the heart is deceitful and only God can truly search and reveal it. Even David prayed, “Search me, O God.” We must deny ourselves and not trust our own judgment but rely on God.

- **Fulfillment of Scripture**

Jesus’ betrayal fulfills Old Testament prophecy (Psalms 41, 55). Jesus foretells events so His disciples will believe when they come to pass, proving His divine authority.

- **Judas and Satan’s Influence**

Satan planted seeds of offense and greed in Judas’ heart, leading him to betrayal. The mind and heart are the battlegrounds of temptation. Believers are commanded to guard their thoughts and submit them to Christ.

- **Disciples’ Example**

The disciples did not judge Judas even as he prepared to betray Jesus. This model's humility and love rather than condemnation.

- **Darkness and Light**

Judas left into the night, symbolizing his departure into spiritual darkness. Jesus, the Light of the world, contrasts with this darkness.

- **The Glory of the Cross**

Jesus declares that His death will glorify God. What seems like defeat is victory:

- By the cross, Christ redeems humanity from the curse.
- His obedience reverses Adam’s disobedience.
- His voluntary sacrifice reveals God’s glory and love.

- **The Result**

- Through His death, Jesus destroys the power of death and the devil.
- He is exalted at the right hand of God.
- One day, every knee will bow to Him.

Questions:

1. Why did each disciple ask, “Lord, is it I?” instead of accusing someone else?

- A) They wanted to appear holy before Jesus
- B) They truly didn’t know their own hearts and weaknesses
- C) They were trying to confuse Judas
- D) They thought Jesus was testing them

2. What is the difference between Judas calling Jesus “Rabbi” and the others calling Him “Lord”?

- A) Rabbi means teacher, Lord means master and God
- B) Judas didn’t speak Hebrew
- C) The other disciples didn’t know Jesus as a teacher
- D) Rabbi and Lord mean the same thing

3. How do the Synoptic Gospels present the betrayal compared to John’s Gospel?

- A) The Synoptics deny the betrayal ever happened
- B) The Synoptics focus on Galilee, John on Jerusalem
- C) John shows Judas as innocent
- D) The Synoptics include more signs than John

4. Why does John emphasize the divinity of Jesus more than the Synoptics?

- A) To prove Jesus was a prophet only
- B) To highlight miracles as entertainment
- C) To show that Jesus is the eternal Word and Son of God
- D) To argue against the Old Testament

5. What does Scripture say about the deceitfulness of the human heart?

- A) It is naturally pure and trustworthy
- B) It is deceitful and desperately wicked
- C) It can always be relied upon
- D) It is only deceitful in unbelievers

6. Why is it important for us to pray, “Search me, O God”?

- A) Because we cannot fully know ourselves
- B) Because God might not know us otherwise
- C) Because prayer makes us look righteous
- D) Because David only prayed this once

7. How did Judas’ offense over Mary’s anointing lead to his betrayal?

- A) He felt unworthy of the gift
- B) He was rebuked by Jesus and hardened his heart
- C) He wanted to buy more perfume
- D) He thought Mary was stealing

8. In what ways does Satan plant thoughts that grow into sin?

- A) By reading our minds directly
- B) By whispering audible words
- C) By sowing deceptive ideas and nurturing them
- D) By forcing people to act against their will

9. What can we learn from the disciples’ refusal to judge Judas?

- A) We should always stay silent
- B) We should not assume the worst about others

- C) We should let sin go unchecked
- D) We should only judge when asked

10. Why does John emphasize “it was night” when Judas left?

- A) To give the time of day
- B) To show Judas was afraid of the dark
- C) To symbolize Judas stepping into spiritual darkness
- D) To contrast with the next morning

11. How does Jesus’ betrayal fulfill Old Testament prophecy?

- A) By showing a friend would betray Him (Psalms 41, 55)
- B) By denying He had friends
- C) By pointing to Israel’s exile
- D) By predicting Judas’ death

12. Why does Jesus describe His crucifixion as His glorification?

- A) Because He would become famous
- B) Because through the cross He brings salvation and glorifies God
- C) Because He avoided suffering
- D) Because His disciples wanted glory

13. How does Christ’s obedience on the cross reverse Adam’s disobedience?

- A) Adam brought death, Christ brings life
- B) Adam sinned, Christ sinned less
- C) Adam obeyed angels, Christ obeyed men
- D) Adam fell to Satan, Christ ignored Satan

14. What does it mean that Jesus laid down His life willingly?

- A) He had no choice in the matter
- B) He allowed Himself to be crucified of His own will
- C) He lost control over His enemies
- D) He wanted to escape the Father’s plan

15. How should we guard our thoughts and hearts against deception today?

- A) By ignoring sin completely
- B) By trusting our instincts
- C) By renewing our minds with God’s Word and prayer
- D) By avoiding all difficult situations