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JESUS COMMANDS

WEEK THREE • JOHN 13:21-38





JOHN'S FORESHADOWED BETRAYAL

JOHN 6:71 NIV

(He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)

JOHN 12:4 NIV

But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected...

JOHN 13:2 NIV

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

JOHN 13:10-11 NIV

Jesus answered, **“Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.”**¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

JESUS' VEILED WARNING

JOHN 13:10 NIV

Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.”

JOHN 13:18 NIV

“I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill this passage of Scripture: ‘He who shared my bread has turned against me.’”

JOHN 13:21-25 NIV

After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, “**Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me.**”

²² His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. ²³ One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. ²⁴ Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, “Ask him which one he means.”

²⁵ Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?”



JOHN 13:26 NIV

Jesus answered, “**It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.**” Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.



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JOHN 13:27a NIV



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“Jesus’ action, in singling Judas out for a mark of special favour, may have been intended as a final appeal to him to abandon his treacherous plan and play the part of a true disciple. Up to that moment, the die had not been irrevocably cast. If Judas wavered for a second, it was only to steel himself to carry out his fatal resolution, to become the willing instrument of Satan whereas he might have been the free follower and messenger of his Master.”

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“Satan could not have entered into him had he not granted him admission. Had he been willing to say ‘No’ to the adversary, all of his Master's intercessory power was available to him there and then to strengthen him. But when a disciple’s will turns traitor, when the spiritual aid of Christ is refused, that person's condition is desperate indeed.”

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JOHN 13:27b-29 NIV

So Jesus told him, **“What you are about to do, do quickly.”**²⁸ But no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him.²⁹ Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the festival, or to give something to the poor.



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

JOHN 1:4-5 NIV

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

JOHN 3:19-21 NIV

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

JOHN 8:12 NIV

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

JOHN 9:4-5 NIV

“As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

JOHN 11:9-10 NIV

Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world’s light. ¹⁰ It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.”



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

JOHN 12:35-36a NIV

Then Jesus told them, “You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going.”³⁶ Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.”



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

John 12:44-46 NIV

Then Jesus cried out, “Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. ⁴⁵ The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. ⁴⁶ I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.”



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

John 13:30 NIV

As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out.
And it was night.



John 13:31-32 NIV

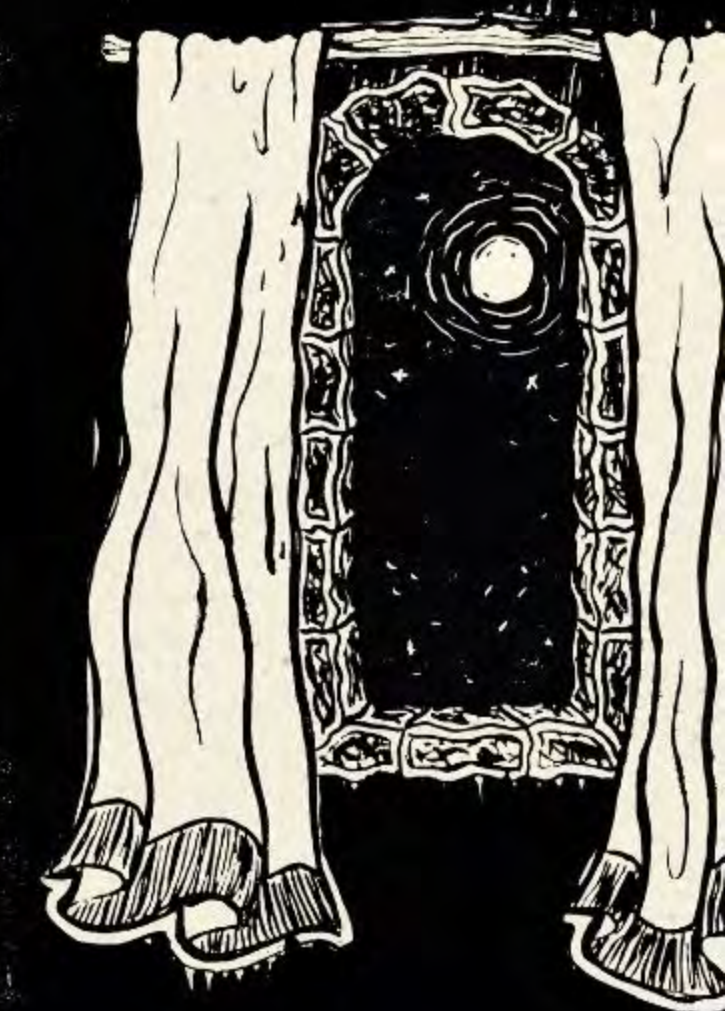
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“The passion of Jesus is as truly a revelation of the glory of God as any of the signs recorded earlier; Indeed, it is the crowning revelation of his glory. Never has God been so glorified, never has his glory been so fully unfolded, as in the self-offering of Christ.”

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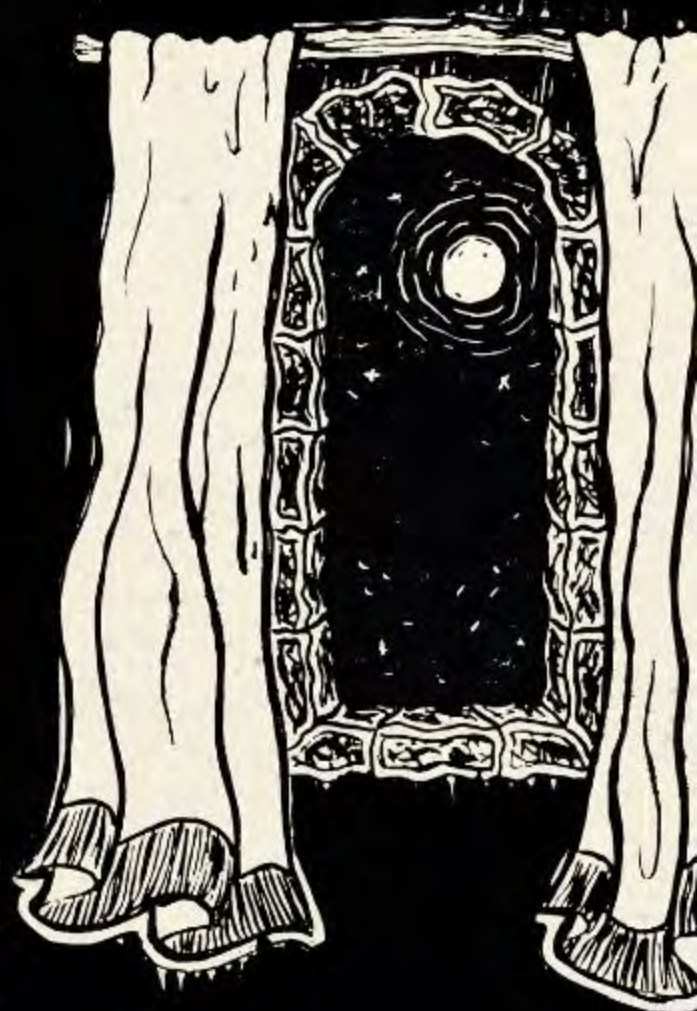




Nature with open volume stands,
To spread her Maker's praise abroad;
And every labor of His hands
Shows something worthy of a God.

But in the grace that rescued man
His brightest form of glory shines;
Here, on the cross, 'tis fairest drawn,
In precious blood and crimson lines.

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JOHN 13:33-35 NIV

“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”



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JOHN 13:36-38 NIV

Simon Peter asked him, “Lord, where are you going?”

Jesus replied, “**Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.**”

³⁷ Peter asked, “Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.”

³⁸ Then Jesus answered, “**Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!**”





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Look at everything that unfolds in John 13.
What do you think Jesus is inviting His community,
then and now, to become? How might we live that out together?