

Read: St. John 13:18-30

Day 12

“Dinner With The Enemy”

As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. So, Jesus told him, “What you are about to do, do it quickly.”-St. John 13:27

Insight Into The Word: The Master’s Signal

Here we see a signal when things are set in motion for Judas to accomplish his diabolical plan. The text says that after he had taken the bread, Satan entered into him. The devil and Judas have been given the signal by Jesus.

Satan literally entered into Judas. He did not possess him, but Satan brought Judas under his influence by deceiving his mind and thoughts. Through the avenue of his mind, Satan entered Judas’ heart. He filled Judas’ mind with an evil passion and then influenced him to betray his Master.

There is a warning here for all of us. Satan does not have to possess you in order to make you misbehave or sin. He can enter your thoughts and change your behavior. He is always lurking about, looking for those who hunger for greed, wealth, lust, and covetousness. He seeks to destroy any witness of the Truth. And if he enters into Judas in the presence of Christ, he will not mind entering our churches, our Christian communities, and our homes.

Even more alarming is the portion of our text where Jesus says, “*What you are about to do, do it quickly.*” This is frightening because Jesus sends Judas on his mission. It was as if He said to Judas, “You are about to begin My suffering. Do it quickly! You are now on the side of Satan. Move away from My presence and do it quickly.” Judas’ sin was so reprehensible that Jesus would not tolerate His betrayal any longer. He gave Judas a signal to accomplish his evil plan.

Thoughts to Ponder:

How does this thought change your perception of Satan and how he works?

How can you take better care in guarding your mind and heart against him?