

Lenten Devotional Reflection
8 April 2020 (Wednesday of Holy Week)

Scripture: John 13:21-32 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²¹ After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, “Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.” ²² The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. ²³ One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; ²⁴ Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵ So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?” ²⁶ Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “Do quickly what you are going to do.” ²⁸ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹ Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the festival”; or, that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰ So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

Message

It isn't comfortable for being betrayed. It's the same with Jesus. It said, “He felt troubled.” (v21). The hurt of being betrayed may not be comprehended, experienced or understood (v28) by those who are close to Him. Instead, misunderstanding occurred (v 29)

Someone says, for those who hurts you, you need not appreciate nor forgive. But to let go or to lay down. Jesus had a more positive reaction to love. He dipped in the dish and gave bread to Judas. Jesus showed His love to him and reminded him. Nevertheless, Judas deliberately ignored. Not only did Judas snub to Jesus' love but also allowed Satan entered into him. (v27). Yet, Judas' corruption had started since his charge of the money. “who want to get rich (I Timothy 6:9)” “he was a thief (John 12:6)

Jesus knew that being betrayed by Judas, He had to suffer and die. However, He saw the glory in future – completion of the mission and to glorify God. In order to glorify God, the suffering and death became temporary. (v31, 32). In brief, looking forward becomes the power to move on.

Reflection

1. Be still, to know Jesus loves us forever.
2. Recall, when was the last time Jesus loves you.
3. Reflect, how Jesus' love be glorified.

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