

# Readings

## Scripture

<sup>21</sup> After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup> The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. <sup>23</sup> One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side, <sup>24</sup> so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. <sup>25</sup> So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. <sup>27</sup> Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." <sup>28</sup> Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. <sup>29</sup> Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. <sup>30</sup> So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

- John 13:21-30 (English Standard Version)

## Reflection

<sup>9</sup> Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

- Psalm 41:9 (English Standard Version)

<sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup> "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

- John 12:24-28 (English Standard Version)

# Sermon Outline

**Running from the Light to the Night** *Table Talk in an Upper Room*  
John 13:21-30 Matt Esswein

## What do we see in Judas' betrayal of Jesus?

### We See the Glory of Christ in:

- Jesus' selection of Judas as a disciple
  - Jesus' humanity and divinity juxtaposed
  - Jesus' patience and love to Judas until the end
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### We See the Darkness of Sin in:

- Judas' rejection of Jesus' teaching and presence of 3 years
  - Judas' hypocrisy unknown to the disciples
  - Judas' running headlong to betray Jesus
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## Reflection Questions (taken in part from the Serendipity Study Bible for Groups)

- What are some of the best (or worst) examples of betrayal? (history, story, movie, show, etc.)
- What strikes you about Judas' betrayal of Jesus in this text?
- Put yourself in the disciples' place around the table. How might you have responded to hearing Jesus' words, "One of you will betray me"?
- How could Judas, as someone who followed Jesus for three years fall, so far seemingly so fast?
- How should we look at sin in our own lives in response to Judas' failure and betrayal?
- Where do you see Jesus' love and patience in the midst of Judas' betrayal? How is this encouraging?
- How can we as a group encourage one another to repent even of little sins rather than letting them push us to deeper and darker places?
- How can we continue to lean into the love of Jesus shown even to his betrayer?