

May 29

Jesus Gives Judas a Chance to Turn from His Plans

At meal time Boaz said to her, "Come here, and eat of the bread, and dip your morsel in the vinegar." – Ruth 2:14

[John 13:21-30, Jerusalem, Wednesday]
When Jesus had said this, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, "Most certainly I tell you that one of you will betray me."

The disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom he spoke. They began to be sorrowful, and to ask him one by one, "Surely not I?" And another said, "Surely not I?"

He answered them, "It is one of the twelve, he who dips with me in the dish. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, even as it is written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had not been born."

One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was at the table, leaning against Jesus' breast. Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, and said to him, "Tell us who it is of whom he speaks."

He, leaning back, as he was, on Jesus' breast, asked him, "Lord, who is it?"

It is he to whom I will give this piece of bread

Jesus therefore answered, "It is he to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. Judas, who

betrayed him, answered, "It isn't me, is it, Rabbi?"

He said to him, "You said it."

After the piece of bread, then Satan entered into him.

Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

Now no man at the table knew why he said this to him. For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus said to him, "Buy what things we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. Therefore, having received that morsel, he went out immediately. It was night. [Matthew 26:21-25, Mark 14:18-21, Luke 22:21-23]

1. At this first mention of "betray", how did the disciples feel? And Judas? How would you?
2. Why does Jesus offer the morsel? Why does Satan enter Judas? Could he have been freed?
3. Jesus, my kinsman redeemer, I turn from my evil plans, grudges, selfish ambitions, and...