



## *Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John – Week 34*

Preacher – Sandy Mason | Text – John 13:21-38

### Summary:

This passage sets the stage for the events of Good Friday, as Judas and Jesus both start on their separate paths – Jesus’ path to glory and Judas’ path to ruin. And as Jesus begins his last body of teaching, reserved specifically for his closest disciples, he gives them a new commandment, a guide for right thinking and living – that they follow his example of love by loving one another. As Jesus prepares to make the ultimate sacrifice for those he loves, he outlines for them the greatest and highest goal for those who would follow him. Love.

### Discussion:

1. What was the most important take-away for you from this week’s message?
2. Why do you think Jesus was “troubled in his spirit” (v. 21)? What does that say about his knowledge of – and commitment to – God’s plan that was unfolding?
3. Do you think Judas understood that Jesus knew what he was about to do? If so, why did he proceed with his plan? **Application:** How does it feel when you do something that you know grieves the heart of Jesus and the Holy Spirit?
4. The text tells us that “Satan entered into” Judas. What does this mean? What does it say about Judas’ responsibility for his actions?

5. What's the relationship between God's glory and the Son's glory (vv. 31-32)? How is the Son glorified? **Application:** What might this tell us about what glory truly looks like for the Christian?
  
6. What's so important about the "new commandment" that Jesus gives? Who is the example for them to follow? **Application:** How do we fail to carry out Jesus' commandment? How can we help each other fulfill it more completely?
  
7. What's the defining characteristic of a Jesus-follower? **Application:** Do people you meet know you are a Christ-follower? How do they know?
  
8. What leads Peter to make such a rash promise to Jesus (v. 37)? Why do you think Jesus corrects him so directly?
  
9. How would you 'title' this section? In other words, how would you restate the main purpose John had (as the author) in writing this passage?