

¹Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. ²It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God.

John 13:1-3

I. YESHUA LOVED THEM TO THE END

A. He Followed Through

B. Not a One Time Event: Often times we want to be assured of our salvation and not realize that this life is a marathon journey of continuing to walk with the LORD over the course of many challenges throughout our life.

C. Yeshua Finished Strong: We are called to finish strong too

1. *Only the Overcomers:* We are called to patient endurance and to live a life of overcoming difficulties in our pursuit of the kingdom of God. In Yeshua's admonition to the seven churches in Revelation (2-3), "**to the one who overcomes...**" was the consistent refrain for every one of the seven congregations.

2. *Enduring to the End*

But the one who endures to the end shall be saved. Matthew 24:13

D. He Loved Them All (even Judas!) to the end. The price of His love was doing something (ultimately going to the cross) that He didn't want to do.

E. I Want to Love You Yeshua to the End

II. JUDAS'S LIFE OF SIN

A. Judas Lived a Life of Compromise: Judas's betrayal wasn't a one-off type of event. He had lived a life of consistent sin and compromise that positioned him for greater sin when the stakes were higher.

⁷⁰Jesus answered them, "*Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?*" ⁷¹He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve. John 6:70-71

⁴But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said, ⁵"That perfume was worth a year's wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor." ⁶Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples' money, he often stole some for himself. John 12:4-6

B. How Are We Doing? Are there any areas of present compromise in our lives right now? unforgiveness, impurity, gossip/slander, etc.

1. God will confront us initially personally and individually (Matthew 18:15-17)

2. Understand the progression: thoughts to words to deeds

a. We will consistently need to resist evil thoughts throughout our lives.

b. "You cannot keep birds from flying over your head. but you can keep them from building a nest in your hair (Martin Luther)

3. The Bible calls sin out: we would be wise to line our lives up with the Bible's definition and not what the culture says.

²⁰And He (Jesus) said, "*What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, ²²thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within and defile a man.*" Mark 7:20-23

4. Yeshua admonishes us to be ruthless with our sin: He metaphorically speaks of gouging out our eye and cutting off our hand in our war against besetting sin (Matthew 5:27-30)

C. The Importance of Consistent Repentance: we should live a life governed by consistent repentance. Judas cast out demons and was with Yeshua for the duration of His ministry yet walked in consistent sin.

1. "We all stumble in many ways" (James 3:2a)

2. Importance of accountability: “If you never want to get free, just tell God”

- a. there were areas of breakthrough in my own life which only came through strong accountability from other Believers.

D. It is a War

¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. Romans 8:13-14

E. We Will Suffer as Believers

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 2 Timothy 3:12

¹¹“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹²Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Matthew 5:11-12

F. Great Falling Away

1Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, 2not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. 3Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3

III. YESHUA’S REVELATION

A. Knew His Hour had Come to leave the world (and return to His Father)

B. He Had Ultimate Authority: He knew the Father had given Him authority over everything

C. He had Come from God: He knew who He was

D. He would Return to God

IV. OUR REVELATION

A. Yeshua has all authority......therefore as we are going we are to make disciples

B. Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You (Ephesians 1:17)

C. Enlighten the eyes of our heart to ... (Ephesians 1:17-19)

1. Experience the hope of His calling (assurance/clarity of God’s call for our life)
2. Experience the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints (our destiny as Yeshua’s inheritance)
3. Experience the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe

D. We Are Loved: No difficulty can separate us from His love (Romans 8:31-37)

1. We are commanded to abide in Yeshua’s love (John 14:9)

V. OUR PATH

A. Greater Revelation empowers us for our (tougher) assignment

1. Many will fall away before Yeshua’s return: that doesn’t need to be our lot

B. Tougher assignments are coming before Yeshua’s return: in the midst of growing difficulties we are called to grow in: loving our enemies, blessing those who curse us, washing the feet of our enemies, ministering to God’s people.

C. We are in a Marathon: In light of this, let’s pray for YHWH’s strength in our weakness and that we will be able to finish strong—that we would love Him until the end and that we would finish our race with a strong kick as we run into His arms.