

## Holy Wednesday

21 After he said these things, Jesus became visibly upset, and then he told them why. "One of you is going to betray me."

22-25 The disciples looked around at one another, wondering who on earth he was talking about. One of the disciples, the one Jesus loved dearly, was reclining against him, his head on his shoulder. Peter motioned to him to ask who Jesus might be talking about. So, being the closest, he said, "Master, who?"

26-27 Jesus said, "The one to whom I give this crust of bread after I've dipped it." Then he dipped the crust and gave it to Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot. As soon as the bread was in his hand, Satan entered him.

"What you must do," said Jesus, "do. Do it and get it over with."

28-29 No one around the supper table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that since Judas was their treasurer, Jesus was telling him to buy what they needed for the Feast, or that he should give something to the poor.

30 Judas, with the piece of bread, left. It was night.

31-32 When he had left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is seen for who he is, and God seen for who he is in him. The moment God is seen in him, God's glory will be on display. In glorifying him, he himself is glorified—glory all around!

John 13. 21-32 from The Message

Have you ever been let down by someone you trusted?

How did you feel?

How do you feel about the way the disciples respond?

What challenge does Jesus give us in this passage?

How will you respond?

What picture of Jesus are you seeing in this reading?

You may want to write your thoughts about this down. It is called journal-ing and it is very 'in' at the moment; or you may well not. Either is fine, after all this is your journey.

There are other readings set for today if you want to read some more.

Isaiah 50.4-9a: Psalm 70: Hebrews 12.1-3.

## **A Prayer**

**Who is it, Lord, that betrays you?**

**Who is it that lets you down?**

**Who is it that rejects your word?**

**Who is it that loses their way?**

**When push comes to shove,  
who turns aside, beguiled by the world?**

*Pause*

**Forgive me, Lord, when that person is me.**

**Feed me, still, by your own hand,  
speak to me in your gentle tones,  
and always give me one more chance.**

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