

Howjesuslovedhisbetrayer

1 Cor 13:13 NIV

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

How Jesus Loved His Betrayer

(An example from our Lord of how we are to love the unlovable people in our life)

John 12:4-6 NIV

4 But **one of his disciples**, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, 5 "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." 6 He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

John 13:2-5 NIV

2 The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, **he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet**, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

John 13:21-30 NIV

21 After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me." 22 His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. 23 One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. 24 Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means." 25 Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" 26 Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." **Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot**, son of Simon. 27 As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. "What you are about to do, do quickly," Jesus told him, 28 but no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. 29 Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the Feast, or to give something to the poor. 30 As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

Judas was: *a Satantically influenced thief, fraud, and traitor*

How did Jesus love Judas?

He included him in His inner circle of friends; He treated him with dignity; He served him.

Did Judas respond well to our Lord's grace?

Obviously not!

Did Judas' subsequent betrayal surprise Jesus?

Absolutely not!

Then why would Jesus squander His love on Judas?

Because it honored His Heavenly Father!

IS THERE A JUDAS IN YOUR LIFE?

2 Cor 5:9-10 NIV

9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

