

A close-up photograph of a hand holding an open book. The book is held vertically, and the pages are slightly fanned out. A bright, golden light source is positioned behind the book, creating a dramatic lens flare effect with several rays of light extending upwards and outwards. The background is dark, making the light and the book stand out. The overall mood is one of reverence and enlightenment.

BOOK *of* JOHN

# ***THE HORROR OF HYPOCRISY***

## ***JOHN 13:18-35***

Judas was not a true believer; he was a hypocrite, an actor, had the jargon down.

- He had never believed in Jesus. ***John 6:64-71***
- He had not been bathed all over. ***John 13:10-11***
- He had not been among the chosen ones whom the Father gave to the Son. ***John 13:18; 17:12***

Here is the horror of this story: *How close a person can come to salvation and yet be lost forever!*

# HOW HYPOCRISY HAPPENS

- There are many little falls, faults, and failures that permit Satan to move in gradually.
- Jesus quotes David in **v. 18** from **Psalm 41:9**; He was referring to his counselor *Ahithophel*, who turned traitor and joined *Absalom's* rebellion. **2 Sam. 15-17**
- Up to the very hour of his treachery, Judas was being protected by the Savior whom he betrayed; Judas was slowly poisoned by his own wickedness. **Zech. 11:10-12**

# ***THE DANGER OF RELIGIOSITY***

The same sun that melts the ice also hardens the clay.

- You can go to church your whole life and miss the message personally!
- In spite of all that our Lord said about money, and all of His warning about covetousness, Judas continued to be a thief and steal from the treasury.
- In spite of all our Lord's warning about unbelief, Judas persisted in his rejection. *Jesus even washed Judas' feet! **Yet, his hard heart did not yield.***

# ***JUDAS—AN ETERNALLY HARD HEART***

- He heard Jesus say, “*Woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed!*” (**Matt. 26:24**) Yet he persisted in unbelief and treachery.
- Those who do evil hate the Light/Word. **John 3:18-21**
- Our Lord’s warning in **John 12:25-26** fell on deaf ears with Judas.
- *Judas was out in the night*, controlled by the prince of darkness—Satan; but Jesus was the light, sharing love and truth with His beloved disciples.

# ***THE GLORY OF THE CROSS!***

From the human perspective, the death of Christ on the cross was a dastardly deed involving unspeakable suffering and humiliation.

- But from the divine perspective, it was the revelation of the glory of God.
- Twelve times in this gospel, the title “*Son of man*” appears, and **John 13:31** is the final instance.
- The glory of God is seen in the death of Christ on the cross. Jesus did what He came to do!

# REAL LOVE NOT HYPOCRISY

- Love would take on a new meaning and power because of the death of Christ on the cross.

**John 15:13**

- And how do we evidence that love? By doing what Jesus did: laying down our lives for the brethren.

**1 John 3:16**

- Jesus knew this specific moment as the beginning of the greatest experience He was ever to know.

You can't fake this . . . ***“Now” He would die for us.***

# ***TRUE LOVE CANNOT BE HYPOCRITICAL***

- 1.** The church needs a clear understanding of the message to be preached: Jesus came to love sinners.
- 2.** Their hearts would need to be cleansed and filled with divine power; the hypocrisy of Judas would need to be gone.
- 3.** As they went forth to their task, love would need to be their primary characteristic.

***HYPOCRISY IS NOT TRUE AGAPE LOVE, IT'S ACTING.***