

Forewarning of Betrayal

John 13:18-30

Before the bombshell—the reason (18-20)

- Big issue = why: Jesus wants them to know why the announcement.
 1. Why expected? Because of David's similar betrayal, Ps. 41:9
 2. Why foretell? Because it will later help their faith. Acts 1:16
- Jesus was sent on a mission and so too are the disciples (20:21).

Jesus drops the bombshell about His betrayal (21)

- Jesus is *troubled* (11:35, 12:27). He knows all but is no robot!
- Jesus announces His betrayal but won't name Judas. Why not?

After the bombshell—the response (22-30)

- Confusion, stunned grief creates yet more tension (Mtt. 26:22).
 - *The reclining beloved disciple* = John (19:26, 20:2, 21:20). John is on Jesus' immediate left thus he reclines very near to Jesus' chest.
 - Where is Judas based on the *morsel* and private instructions?
 - Why does John like the others not suspect Judas? What would Peter have done if he knew for sure who the traitor was (18:10)?
- Don't miss the darkness imagery in 30. See 1:4,5, 3:19, 9:4, 11:10.
- How about "a Judas" in our midst? Mtt. 7:15, Acts. 20:28-30, II Cor. 11:13-15. What may need to occur? I Cor. 5:11, Mtt. 18:17.

