

“Betrayed” John 18:1-14

Jesus and his 12 closest disciples were having a meal. He had washed their feet and given them an example. He Blessed the bread and drink, and said, *“For this is my blood of the covenant, which is pored out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”* Darkness was afoot. A plan of betrayal had been set in motion and his disciples were asking who it could be...

“One of the 12” Jesus said... In John 13 it says

“Lord, who is it?” Jesus answered, “It is he whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it.” So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him... he immediately went out. And it was night. John 13:30

Have you ever experienced betrayal?

Chasing Mavericks, Jay Moriarity, had a dream to surf mavericks; one of the biggest surf breaks out there. He journaled about it during those day dreams. His childhood best friend found his journal and gave it to the local “bullies” just to fit in with the cool kids. Mockery was handed out readily by the “cool kids” to young Jay while the betrayal of his friend was made evident.

I think most of us learn the concept of betrayal at a young age. In the words of “junior high is hard”

Examples-A parent, a friend, a mentor. A friend of mine was able to look beyond most of his tough upbringing, but was betrayed by his mentor late in his teens which changed the entire trajectory of his life.

The church is not beyond such relational disfunction. Gossip, rumors, being let down by someone, blowing people off, being taken

advantage of, manipulation, marital affairs, divorce; all experiences I have scene or experienced... Maybe you have too.

My main point this morning... Even in this, there is redemption.

Read VS 1 This is known as the garden of Gethsemane. Listen to how Matthew gives record to this account in **Mat. 26:36-56 (read)**

And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. Luke 22:44

The betrayal continues with his 3 closest disciples. In his deepest need, his closest friends were not there for him... Maybe you can relate? John is the only author of a Gospel that picks up the theme of “garden”. The others simply say Gethsemane or the Mount of Olives.

R. Kent Hughes picks up the symbolism found here.

The first Adam began life in a garden. Christ, the second Adam, came at the end of his life to a garden.

In Eden, Adam sinned. In Gethsemane, the savior overcame sin.

In Eden Adam fell. In Gethsemane, Jesus conquered!

In Eden, Adam hid. In Gethsemane, our Lord boldly presented himself.

In Eden the sword was drawn. In Gethsemane it was sheathed.¹

In Eden there was shame. In Gethsemane there is redemption!

Even in this, there is redemption

Read vs. 2-4

And every day he was teaching in the temple, but at night he went out and lodged on the mount called Olivet. Luke 21:37

vs. 4, “Jesus knowing at that will happen to him, came forward”

¹ Preaching the Word, John; That you May Believe, R. Kent Hughes, pg. 418

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Jesus faces it head on. As a shepherd, his sheep behind him, he faces the threat. He was willing... Even after the prayers of agony asking for this cup to pass from him. He stands up and faces this band of hoodlums.

“No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again.” John 10:17-18

Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? Matthew 26:53

Yet Jesus faced them knowing **Even in this, there is redemption**

Read VS 5-6

It would one thing if they had stepped back, but they fell too.

It was a clear display of power. Martin Luther is quoted as saying this is one of the greatest miracles of the Lord on earth. A reminder that anything that is done to Christ is “allowed” by God himself.

The Pulpit commentary notes this.

“I am he” had hushed the waves and cast out the devil, and before whose glance and word John and Paul fell to the earth, as if struck with lightning, did perhaps allow his very captors, prepared by Judas for some display of might, to feel how powerless they were against him.”²

Vs. 5a is interesting... The author goes out of his way to say where Judas was and the Pulpit Commentary continues...

² Spence-Jones, H. D. M. (Ed.). (1909). [St. John](#) (Vol. 2, p. 381). London; New York: Funk & Wagnalls Company.

“It is true that ch. 13:27 represents Satan as having entered into Judas. He stood there, he fell there, with the powers of darkness. What a moment!”³

Even in this, there is redemption.

Vs. 7-11

Let’s try this again...

Peter, attempting to bring about redemption or justice.

-This is us when we are wronged. When we are betrayed, pained, hurt, whether it’s us being hurt or we hurt someone else, our attempts at justice and redemption are like pulling out a pocket knife against a mob of trained soldiers. It usually works out like this...

But **Even in this, there is redemption.**

And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him. Luke 22:50-51

Even in our feeble efforts, **Even in this, there is redemption.**

All the disciples scatter and Jesus faces the cross alone.

The cross of Christ provides redemption... we know this.
But does he redeem our past? Heal our hurts?

It’s easy to see how redemption it being played out in our story.

Gospel → propitiation

But it’s harder to see it in our day to day lives.

Here’s a few ways to help.

-God knows your pain. He has experienced first hand betrayal,

-He is still working redemption in our lives.

-Discipleship; “Increasingly immersing all of life to the empowering presence & lordship of Jesus Christ” Jeff Vanderstelt.

³ Ibid

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- Look for redemption in your past.
- Testify how God healed me this past week
- Proclaim **Even in this, there is redemption.**

Just as young Jay looked beyond the mockery and betrayal of his friends because he saw a bigger plan in life, we are called to see beyond our dark nights of betrayal and say, **Even in this, there is redemption.**

Set up communion

Confession

Read vs. 12-14 “one man”

Pardon→ Gospel







Communion as a family

Main Point-Jesus walked into betrayal for redemption.

Key Words _____

Key Verse _____

FCF-Betrayal, injustice, misplaced vengeance, loneliness _____

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John 18

[1] When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. [2] Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. [3] So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. [4] Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” [5] They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. [6] When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. [7] So he asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” [8] Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.” [9] This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: “Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.” [10] Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) [11] So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?” [12] So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. [13] First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. [14] It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people