



Sunday 11th January 2026

“Betrayal” – John 13:18-38

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Questions to discuss in our Growth Groups and personal reflection

1. The divine plan of the cross included human betrayal

Read John 13:18-30

Which of the 12 disciples had Jesus not “chosen” (v.18) and what does this mean?

What do verses 18-19 tell us about God’s Sovereignty and about who Jesus is?

How does verse 21 portray the humanity of Jesus and why is this important?

How do we reconcile the fact that God planned for Jesus to die on the cross, but that Judas and others bore the responsibility for killing him? (see Acts 2:23)

2. The pure love of Jesus overcomes all our dirty failures

Read John 13:31-38

How was God being glorified through Jesus (v.31-32)?

By calling them “my children” (v.33), how was Jesus reassuring the 11 disciples?

Peter is passionate about sticking by Jesus – how does Jesus reveal reality to him (v.37-38)?

What are the similarities between Judas and Peter, and what are the differences (think about the rest of their stories)? Are there any sins that cannot be forgiven?

Who are you praying for at the moment to admit their sin and turn to Jesus for salvation?

Why should confession of sin be a regular part of even “chosen” people’s lives?