

“Shadows and Light: The Betrayal”

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 2018

Exodus 12:1-13, 21-25; Mark 14:12-26; Matthew 26:47-56

- **Betrayal is an intimate engagement!**

- As Jesus and His disciples celebrate the Passover there is an intimate remembrance of God’s faithfulness.
- In the middle of this meal of remembrance Jesus announces that one of the twelve disciples, that He had handpicked, would betray him.
 - We react to betrayal with and then fear that it is of our own doing.
 - Our visceral response to betrayal often exposes where our heart is.
 - As fully God as He is fully man, Jesus still chose Judas to be a disciple even though He already knew that he would be the betrayer!
- The act of betrayal is symptomatic of a greater sickness!

- **Betrayal is defined by the beholder.**

- Our consideration of what is OR is not betrayal is far from objective.
 - Judas might be the most infamous betrayer, but he’s definitely not alone.
 - It wasn’t solely Judas’ sin that cost Jesus’s life.
 - While someone else’s sin may be ‘worse than your own’...
...God sees sin equally for what they really are.
- Our acts of faith make us mask of God, but the devil’s mask looks like us!
- Every act of betrayal further reflects our deep need for a Savior.

- **Betrayal was always a means to an end!**

- No act of rebellion is beyond the reach of God’s grace!
- In the middle of the most tragic and unjust of messes, God still reaches in with healing!
- When things seem to hopeless, those shadows only exist because of the Light!

