JOHN 13; September 23; Jesus Foretells Judas' Betrayal

ANALYSIS: 1. What did Jesus want the disciples to learn from the foot washing experience?
2. What benefit would come to the disciples because Jesus foretold that one of them would betray him?
3. How did Jesus identify the disciple who would betray him?
4. What new commandment did Jesus give his disciples?

5. When Peter declared he would lay down his life for Jesus, what warning was he given?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Jesus viewed his coming sufferings and crucifixion as being "glorified" (v 31). He choose to suffer the betrayal, the forsaking, the denial, the unjust trials and all the pains wicked men could heap upon him as they humiliated and finally crucified him. He saw the fruit of his labor, even the salvation of hell-deserving sinners, like you and me. He went to the cross for us! Do we grasp it? The Perfect Son, obeying His Father perfectly, as the perfect Lamb of God that bears away our sins, perfecting our salvation, and now glorified at the Father's right hand. We shall soon see Him glorified as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Let us join our great apostle Paul in his goal: "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world" (Gal 6:14). Jesus is not on the cross, but by it He set us captives free. Let us believe with Paul, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ which liveth in me" (Gal 2:20). Lord, empower us to live for Thee in the light and power of Thy victory at the cross.

HELP:

- 1. As an example which they should follow, that as His servants they were not greater than He, and should serve one another (v 15).
- 2. That when Judas did betray Jesus, they would believe Him to be the Savior since He foretold it (v 19).
- 3. Jesus said it would be the disciple to whom He would give a sop after He had dipped it (v 26).
- 4. That they love one another (v 34).
- 5. This night, before the cock shall crow, thou shalt deny me thrice (v 38).