

What Do We See Taking Place That Evening?

Bickering and selfishness among the apostles.

- Dispute over who would be the greatest. (Lk. 22:24-27)
- Jesus told them that the greatest would be the one who serves and gave them an object lesson. (Jn. 13:3-5; 12-15)

Pride and over-confidence.

- Pride seen in the above. (Prov. 28:25)
- At the announcement of Jesus that one would betray Him. (Lk. 22:22-23; Mk. 14:19)
- Peter's proud boast: (Lk. 22:31-34;Mk. 14:27-31)

Deceit and greed.

- Judas agrees to betray the Son of God for 30 pieces of silver. (Lk. 22:3-6; Matt. 26:14-16) He was a thief and stole from the bag. (Jn. 12:6)
- Mk. 14:45 "Master, Master, and he kissed him. Token of affection becomes act of treachery.

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Confusion and misunderstanding.

- The nature of the kingdom. Dispute over the greatest. (Lk. 22:24ff; Matt. 18:1; Mk. 10:35-45)
- Thomas: Lord, we don't know where you are going. (Jn. 14:1-6)
- Philip: show us the Father. (Jn. 14:7ff)
- When Jesus told Peter and John who would betray him. (Jn. 13:21-30)

Satan was there.

- Jesus to Peter: Satan hath desired to have you. (Lk. 22:31-34)
- Satan entered into Judas. (Jn. 13:27,30)

Spiritual lethargy, sluggishness, inattention

- Jesus takes Peter, James and John further into the garden with him and asks them to watch (stay awake) with him while he prayed.
- This is the ultimate crisis of the life of Jesus and they could not stay awake. (Matt. 26:40,43,45)

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- Fear and running away.
 - Then all the disciples forsook him and fled. (Matt. 26:56)
 - Cf. Mark 14:50-51.
- Denial.
 - Lk. 22:55-57 → "Woman, I know him not."
 - You are one of them. "I am not."
 - "I don't know what you are talking about."

Pentecost - 50 Days Later...

- In the place of confusion and misunderstanding, there is clarity and conviction. (Acts 2:14-16; 22)
- In the place of fear and running, there is courage and boldness. (Act 2:36; 4:9-12; 18-19; 29-31; 5:29; 40-42)
- In the place of bickering and selfishness, unity and charity. (Acts 2:42-44; 4:32-37)
- In the place of denial, there is confession. (Acts 2:38; 3:6, 16; 4:10,12)
- In the place of lethargy, there is diligence. (Acts 5:42)
- There is humility and sacrifice. (Acts 3:6; 12, etc.)

Why Such A Remarkable Transformation?

- They had witnessed the not only the death, but the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:15)
- Jesus had sent them the promised Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:33) We have the word of God. (Jn. 16:13)
- They are no longer looking to self, but looking to Jesus. (Heb. 12:1-2; Rom. 6:3-4)