

III. The Vulnerable King, John 13:21-32

Jesus made himself vulnerable

Jesus the king placed himself at his enemy's disposal who happens to be a member of the inner circle of the Twelve.

Judah's Betrayal

Reason for Judah's betrayal: not just greed, but political ambition based on a mistaken notion of Jesus' kingship.

Evil has its own blind spots. Judas could not possibly imagine that by renouncing power, by Jesus is exercising a power far greater than any earthly king could possibly possess.

Power in Powerlessness

How could there be power in powerlessness? Answer: by learning obedience (Hebrews 5:8) surrendering to God's will (Heb 10: 6-8).

This truth is deeply etched in the collective memory of the early church: Mark, Rom 12; 1 Peter 2:21-23.

Lesson

Christian life is "a long obedience" (Eugene Peterson)

The danger of desiring power