



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### **Praying Through John 13:21-30**

Lord Jesus, we praise and honor You as the King and Creator of the universe, as the One who has given us life and light. Thank You for humbling yourself, for coming into our world as a baby, and for dying on the cross to save us from our sins. Thank You for allowing yourself to come to us fully human and open to the temptations we face and yet without committing sin. Thank You for facing death with its trials of faith as we must face death, because thinking of death troubles us and tempts us to lose faith in our Almighty God and Savior, even the Son of God. Thank You for facing and experiencing the betrayal of a dear friend, one with whom You shared Your faith, Your teaching of the truth, and Your example of love. Yet, You did not sin against God or man as You did all You lovingly and wisely could do to lead Judas into the light. Lord Jesus, over time, You shared the knowledge of Your betrayal and death with all Your disciples without naming names. Perhaps each time You spoke about Your betrayal You gave Judas an opportunity to listen and learn, turn from evil, repent of his sins, and turn to You for the strength to do what is right according to Your teachings—but he would not. Help us understand that some truths and future events we need not know until Your perfect timing: for our good and the good of others. Help us remember that You say and do all things wisely and well. Please fill us with Your Holy Spirit, empower us, and educate us as we study the Bible that we will have the faith to obey You always, even as You obeyed Your Father. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

**Please Note:** I first learned about “Praying Through the Bible” from Edith Schaeffer, the wife of Francis Schaeffer. You might like to close your class with the above prayer as a way of beginning to teach your class how they too can pray through the Bible. First, you might like to teach your class how to pray through the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* each week. [Perhaps some of them would learn how to pray through portions of the Bible during their daily Bible reading and quiet time.] Second, a week in advance, perhaps some of your students would like to write their own “Prayer Through the Bible” using the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* and read their prayer at the close of class. Third, eventually, your students will be able to pray through the Bible without needing to write their prayer in advance before they pray at the end of class. If you would like to learn more about prayer from Edith Schaeffer, read [\*How God Teaches Us to Pray: Lessons from the Lives of Francis and Edith Schaeffer\*](#), Kindle Edition, by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

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