

Kefa Asks a Question Again

In my last post, **Kefa Had His Feet Washed**. We continue in our chronological journey of **Kefa**; in this post, **Kefa Asks a Question Again**. This time he wants to know what **Yeshua** meant by "*but not all of you*" in verse 10 in our last post when He repeats the accusation here in verse 21.

²¹ After saying this, Yeshua, in deep anguish of spirit, declared, "Yes, indeed! I tell you that one of you will betray Me." ²² The talmidim stared at one another, totally mystified - whom could He mean?

Betrayal by one's **talmid** would be a cause of embarrassment and blame in the ancient system of honor and shame. Although the **Yochanan's Gospel** stresses **Yeshua's** deity, it also stresses and frequently illustrates his humanity (John 1:14).

²³ One of his talmidim, the one Yeshua particularly loved (Yochanan), was reclining close beside him. ²⁴ So Shim 'on Kefa motioned to him and said, "Ask which one he's talking about." ²⁵ Leaning against Yeshua's chest, he asked Yeshua, "Lord, who is it?"

Once again, **Kefa** asks the Lord for an explanation, this time through an intermediary. To set the staging, **Kefa** was sitting on **Yochanan's** right, who was sitting on **Yeshua's** right, and **Y'hudah** was sitting on **Yeshua's** left.

²⁶ Yeshua answered, "It's the one to whom I give this piece of matzah after I dip it in the dish." So he dipped the piece of matzah and gave it to Y'hudah Ben-Shim 'on from K'riot. ²⁷ As soon as Y'hudah took the piece of matzah, the Adversary went into him. "What you are doing, do quickly!" Yeshua said to him. ~ John 13:21-27 (CJB)

The Lord's reply to **Yochanan** was undoubtedly not heard by all the men; in fact, they were carrying on discussions among themselves about who the traitor might be (see Luke 22:23). When **Yeshua** gave the bread to **Y'hudah**, it was interpreted as an act of love and honor.

For the host to dip a piece of bread in the shared bowl and hand it to someone was usually a sign of honor to the person who received it. **Y'hudah** took the bread, but he rejected the offer of friendship.

The remarkable thing is that the others at the table with **Yeshua** did not know that **Y'hudah** was an unbeliever and a traitor. Up to the very hour of his betrayal, **Y'hudah** was protected by the Savior whom he betrayed. Had **Yeshua** openly revealed what He knew about **Y'hudah**, it is likely that the men would have turned on him.

In my next post, **Kefa Asks Where Yeshua Is Going**.