

Chat with the Children

- Who watched the [Olympics](#) last year?
 - who gets the gold medal, all the glory?
 - favourite Olympian...
- Show you a clip from Barcelona Olympics in 1992: [\(video\)](#)
- Who got the glory?
 - not the winner, but the person who came last...
 - person who showed a different quality than everyone else was expecting or looking for - courage, perseverance
- Thinking today about a time when things went really wrong for Jesus:
 - one of his friends let him down, and told people who want to hurt Jesus where they could find him...
 - yet instead of it being terrible, God used it to bring glory to Jesus, to bring about a really, really important victory
 - it didn't look good at the time, but later people saw how God was at work
- [God can turn things round](#)

Opposites

- This is a passage about opposites
 - accepting and rejecting, about betrayal and loyalty
- An intimate setting - meal, friends, confidantes
- Ever been in a room, a meeting, a workplace, a social gathering, with someone you were at odds with?
 - **an enemy?**
 - don't share the same purpose, working against what you are trying to achieve...
- This has come to the heart of Jesus' band of disciples...
- Jesus knows what is going on, the rest of the disciples for the most part don't have a clue:
 - symbolically, he has pointed to their being spiritually cleansed - washing the feet, talk of having had a bath, whole body clean...
 - **but** not all of them... (v.18)
- Its about accepting Jesus - or rejecting him, and his offer of life - taking him on his terms, not ours
 - for in rejecting him, we reject the one who sent him - God
 - (and accepting/rejecting Jesus in those he has sent, Christians scattered through the world and through history...)
- Jesus is troubled, unsettled, upset, bothered by Judas' betrayal
- Here is decision time for Judas - is he going to take the plunge, go down the path of betrayal?
 - (rollercoaster going over the top... committed now)
 - humanity, in Judas, have rejected the very Son of God - **it was night!**

Glorification

- Turning point of passage in v.31: **now is the son of man glorified**
 - how did that happen? What is going on?
 - glorification in the obedience to the point of betrayal, death, shame, and pain
 - glorification in the sacrifice offered
 - glorification in the resurrectoin and vindication that follows

A New Commandment?

- *"Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbour as yourself. I am the LORD." (Lev 19:18)*
- *As I have loved... to the point of complete self-giving*
- How are we loving - can we this week love - **"as Jesus loved"?**
- Warning of pride...