

They Did Not Understand

Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now but you will know after this." –John 13:7

We can only imagine the confusion that was going on in the lives of the disciples in the week before the crucifixion. Early in the week Christ entered Jerusalem and the crowds hailed him, "Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! The King of Israel!" (John 12:13). Verse 16 states that "His disciples did not understand these things"

Jesus told the disciples of his coming death on the cross but they did not comprehend what He was saying. Jesus knew His hour had come and He gathered with his disciples. He washed their feet but the scripture says, "Jesus said, What I am doing you do not understand now" (John 13:7). Jesus told them that one of them would betray Him, and His "disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke."

Thomas boldly told the LORD that they did not know where He was going. Philip told Him to show them the Father. Now we know God was doing what was needed for His design. We often find ourselves like the disciples wondering what God is doing. Questioning why He isn't doing things the way we think they should be done. We may be confused but we can trust God to be accomplishing His plan.

In our next devotional I will finish the story.