

# The Correspondent



**SUNDAY**  
Bible Study 9:30 AM  
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*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place.  
(1 Thessalonians 1:8)*

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## The Saddest Verse

- Renn Ferguson

**W**hile Chloe and I were out of town, we worshipped at the Mt. Juliet congregation in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee. That morning, the lesson was on discipleship and what it means to be a disciple. While the preacher made several good points, one that stood out to me was a comment he made on John 6:67. This verse reads, "So Jesus said to the Twelve, 'Do you want to go away as well?'" (ESV). The man preaching stated that while at Freed, his bible teacher said that is one of the saddest verses in all the Bible.

In the context, Christ had just fed the five thousand, crossed over the sea and the people followed Him. Christ then taught them about the bread of life. Because of the difficulty of His teaching, many people left Him. Though Christ knew the answer to the question He asked the twelve, there is certainly an underlying sense of sorrow and pain that so many no longer followed Him. This undoubtedly is a sad verse.

However, there is another verse that has long been, in my opinion, the saddest verse in scripture. This verse is recorded in John 13:27, "Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, 'What you are going to do, do quickly.'" This takes place on the night that Jesus was betrayed. The one who took the bread, as we know, was Judas. To me, the saddest verse or phrase is what Jesus says to him, "what you are going to do, do quickly". Have you ever had something in your life that filled you with dread? All you want is for it to be over. I think we see that in this verse. Christ knew what was going to happen and He was ready to do it. He was ready for it to be over.

How great His love is for us.

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