

Series "Jesus: God And Savior"
"The Arrest Of Jesus"
John 18:1-11
Part-61

John 20:30-31

1:1-18 – Prologue: That set the direction of the entire gospel.
1:19-12:50 – Public Ministry
13-17 – Private Instructions
18-21 – Passion Victory

Acts 2:23; John 10:17-18

The Thought Of Our Passage: The Father Gave His Son A Cup Of Suffering And Death And, In Willing Obedience, Jesus Would Drink It.

1. Verses 1-4 – The Courage Of Jesus

2. Verses 4-6 – The Power Of Jesus

3. Verses 7-9 – The Love Of Jesus

4. Verses 10-11 – The Obedience Of Jesus

1. Verses 1-4 – The Courage Of Jesus:

John 18:1 – "When Jesus had spoken these words," – This would be the entire section, John 13-17; called "The Upper Room Discourse." Jesus, in John 17, has prayed "The High Priestly Prayer."

"He went forth with His disciples" – The Context Is Prayer.

"over the ravine of the Kidron," – This is on the eastern side of the city. It meets the western side of the Mount of Olives.

Picture of Kidron Valley: "Kidron" – means "dusky, gloomy, the black brook;" Because the water was so darkened. Over 200,000 lambs were slain; red with redemption.

"where there was a garden," – Matthew 26:36

Picture of Gethsemane: "garden," – Or (grove) Gethsemane – means "oil press." There at the other side of the Kidron valley are many olive groves.

The Garden Represents Surrender/Obedience:

- The First Adam Surrendered To Satan, Resulting In Sin In The First Garden.
- The Second Adam Surrendered In Obedience To God In This Garden, Resulting In Forgiveness For All Sin: John 19:41.

John 18:2

Verses 2-3 – The Deception Of Judas: “Now Judas also, who was betraying Him,”

John 13:27 – “After the morsel, Satan then entered into him.”

“knew the place; for Jesus had often met there with His disciples.” – Luke 22:39

John 18:3 – “Judas then, having received the Roman cohort,” – it is a squad of military soldiers 600 to 1,000. We don’t know how many, Matthew 26:47.

“and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees,” – Luke 22:52

“came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.” – “I Am the Light of the World,” “The Prince of Peace.”

John 18:4

Foreknowledge Of Jesus: “So Jesus, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him,” – John 12:27

Jesus’ Surrender Was Voluntary: “went forth,” – went to meet the enemy.

Matthew 26:49

The Kiss Of Treachery: “kissed,” Greek word speaks of a “kiss passionately, and repeatedly.”

Hypocrite – “to speak from under”

2. Verses 4-6 – The Power Of Jesus:

John 18:4

“If we could verbally say what we intend to do, would we still do what we verbally said?”

John 18:5 – “He said to them, ‘I am He.’” – This is said 3X, Verses 5-8. Here is another clear statement of Jesus, Exodus 3:14. John records “The Seven I Am Statements Of Jesus.”

“And Judas also who was betraying Him, was standing with them.”

The time will come when we also will have to choose who we will stand with.

John 18:6

“‘I am He,’ they drew back, and fell to the ground.” – “they went backward and fell to the ground.” What was it that caused this to happen? Jesus literally swept them off their feet! Involuntarily and supernaturally. – “I am He,”

Psalm 33:6

John 10:18

This miracle is clearly teaching that Jesus was in control here. John records this because his theme is “Jesus, God and Savior.”

3. Verses 7-9 – The Love Of Jesus:

John 18:7 – “Therefore He again asked them, ‘Whom do you seek?’” – The crowd is dazed and Jesus asks again whom are you seeking.

John 18:8

“Jesus answered, ‘I told you that I am He;’” – Jesus stated 2X that He was the one they were looking for.

Matthew 26:53; Luke 22:53

Verses 8-9 – Jesus’ Concern For His Own: “so if you seek Me, let these go their way,” – Here, Jesus is thinking not of Himself but His disciples, John 10:12-13.

John 18:9

John 17:12

4. Verses 10-11 – The Obedience Of Jesus:

John 18:10 – “Simon Peter” – When it records “Simon,” this refers to Peter’s earthly name, after the flesh. Peter is not acting spiritual but worldly.

“then having a sword,” – large dagger, a large knife.

“drew it, and struck the high priest's slave,” – Peter is brave and courageous but his tactic was pointless and full of misunderstanding.

Peter’s actions could have compromised Jesus’ reply to Pilate, John 18:36.

Jesus performed a miracle to undo Peter’s actions, Luke 22:50-51.

John 18:11 – “Put the sword into the sheath;” – “Stop! No more of this!” Jesus rebukes Peter!

The Cup Speaks of Submission: “the cup” – The symbol of the judgment of God; cup of wrath of God against human sin.

“which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?” – Matthew 20:22; 26:39; Mark 14:36; Luke 22:42.

Matthew 26:56 – “Then all the disciples left Him and fled.”

John 18:12 – “arrested Jesus and bound Him,”

John 12:37

Application:

1. Jesus Modeled Perfect Submission And Obedience To The Will Of God In The Garden. Jesus Even Went Out To Meet His Captors.
2. The Miracle Of The Soldiers Falling To The Ground Reveals That Jesus’ Arrest And Death Were All Voluntary. Jesus Could Not Have Been Seized Unless He Submitted And Allowed It. Jesus Was Not A Victim.
3. The Cup Versus The Sword; We Can Choose The Sword Of Peter, Which Represents The Flesh, Or The Cup Of Jesus, Which Represents The Will Of God, Allowing God To Choose For Us.