



John

Lesson 18 Chapter 18

The night must have seemed even darker than usual that last evening on the Mount of Olives. The disciples had come with Jesus to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover, but everything about this event somehow felt different than ever before. It was always a risky situation to come to Jerusalem with Jesus because of the confrontations with the religious leaders that took place. The crowds grew greater every time Jesus arrived, but that also brought greater animosity from their enemies. This year, especially after the amazing miracle of bringing Lazarus back from the dead, the crowds were enormous and filled with excitement and exuberance. Being greeted with shouts of hosanna from the people as they entered Jerusalem gave them all a sense of anticipation and expectation of what may come next. When they met to eat the Passover together, they were all discussing the

possibilities of the next few days. But Jesus was different that night. He didn't seem as excited as they were. In fact, He was very solemn, as if some impending doom seemed to haunt Him. And after the meal He began to talk to them about leaving. Not all of them leaving together, just Him. That came as quite a shock, and none of them had any idea what He was talking about. The celebratory mood was quickly dispelled and a sense of foreboding came over the group. He talked as if His leaving was something they should be excited about, but only fear and confusion filled their hearts. And as the night went on, the situation went from bad to worse. And now, here comes Judas with a large band of soldiers headed their way...

READ JOHN 18

SEE ALSO MATTHEW 26:30-75, MARK 14:32-72, LUKE 22:39-71

1. *What event that takes place after arriving at the Garden of Gethsemane does John leave out but the other gospel writers include? Matthew 26:36-45; Mark 14:32-41; Luke 22:39-46.*

2. *What does John say was the response of the mob when Jesus identified who He was? Vs. 6 Why do you think they responded this way?*

3. *Why does Jesus request that the disciples not be taken, and why was this important? Vs. 8-9*

4. *Why do you think Jesus would tell the disciples to bring swords (Luke 22:36-38), and then be upset when Peter used it in John 18:10-12?*

5. *Jesus makes a critical statement at His arrest that only Mark 14:48-49 and Luke 22:53 record. What does this statement infer about the timing and legality of this arrest? What happens when Jesus makes that point again to Annas the high priest after His arrest? John 18:19-23*

6. *What information does Mark 14:51-52 alone give that happened at the end of the arrest of Jesus?*



Scholars have identified at least 18 Mosaic laws meant to protect the accused that were broken in Jesus' arrest and trial. Some of those broken were as follows: the testimony of an accomplice was not allowed, therefore, Judas couldn't be a witness against Christ, no legal proceedings were to take place at night, capital offenses (those punishable by death) couldn't be tried on a preparation day for the Sabbath or a high holy day such as was that Passover, the accused was to have a friend in court to defend him, no one should accuse himself, but Jesus was asked to make his own defense, and any sort of bribery (the money paid to Judas) disqualifies a member of the court. (Christ.org)

7. *Give the people and places that Jesus was taken to after His arrest from John 18:12-29 and Luke 23:1-11.*

8. *According to Matthew 26:59-60, what was the goal of the Sanhedrin and how did they finally achieve it? Why were the Romans involved? John 18:31*
9. *Why do you think Peter's response at the garden (John 18:10) was so different than his response in the courtyard (John 18:17-18, 25-26)?*
10. *What question does Pilate ask Jesus, and how does Jesus answer him? Vs. 33-37*
11. *According to Acts 2:22-23 and 4:27-28, who was responsible for the death of Jesus?*

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
