

# John Chapter 18 Teaching Notes

## Jesus Final Week

- Friday Bethany
- Saturday Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem
- Sunday Fig Tree Cursed
- Monday Judas conspires to betray Jesus
- Tuesday Last Supper
- Wednesday Crucifixion
- Thursday Feast of Unleavened Bread
- Friday Women prepare spices for burial
- Saturday Resting
- Sunday First day of the week – Resurrection

## Jesus is preparing to fulfill all He has promises

- Giving Eternal Life
- Sending the Holy Spirit
- Preparing a place for them
- Coming again to receive them (us) to Himself
- Having all of us share His Glory

Without His death, burial and resurrection not of this would happen.

## Contrast of the Two Garden: EDEN and GETHSEMANE

<u>Eden</u>	<u>Gethsemane</u>
• Adam sinned	Savior suffered
• Fall during the daylight	Betrayal at night
• Adam took fruit from Eve	Jesus took the cup of His Father
• Adam Hid	Jesus presented Himself

Vs 1 Kidron Brook (Valley) -Dark Blood – from sacrifice of 256,000 Passover Lambs

Vs 2 Judas knew the place

## Vs 3 – 11 The Garden

Roman and Temple Police – could be as many as 200 with torches – full moon – no need, Why?

- Jesus presented Himself
- Jesus knew all things – His choice to die – He did not hide
- Take me – let others go – I have lost none
- Jesus was to suffer alone – High Priest went into Holy of Holies alone to make sacrifice for sin

- Peter and the sword
- Jesus and the cup

### **VS 12-24 – Annas and Caiaphas**

**Annas** – High Priest AD 6-15 – totally corrupt and highly influential; 5 sons were High Priest and Caiaphas as his son-in-law. He was the power behind the scenes and was first to meet Jesus after the arrest. He was also Vice President of the Sanhedrin.

Romans appointed Caiaphas High Priest (against the law) so he was perceived as a puppet of Rome and Annas was perceived as the “real” High Priest. Remember the High Priest has to die in office to be replaced.

**Caiaphas** had already declared the guilty verdict – vs 14 – expedient that one man die for the people

### **Simon Peter’s Role**

- All others had fled, Peter followed – courage and first denial
- Unknown disciple – known to High Priest – gained access to the proceedings
- Peter denies Jesus two more times (vs 25 and 27)
- The cock crew

### **Trial Before Caiaphas**

- Asked Jesus about His doctrine and disciples – self-incrimination – unlawful
- Jesus – I spoke publicly – bring in witnesses to accuse me
- Jesus was bound – again unlawful – only necessary if accused resisted or was violent
- No credible witness against Him

### **Jesus Before Pilate VS 28 – 38**

- Judgment Hall – did not enter so as not to defile themselves for the Passover
- What accusation do you bring against Jesus?
  - 1 Had to be specific charge
  2. The witness (accuser) had to be presented before the accused
  3. The accuser had freedom to speak and defend himself
- No accusation, just we would not be here if he were innocent
- Pilate – you judge Him under your law
- Problem – we cannot execute capital punishment
- Pilate seeks to release Jesus
  - You judge Him
  - He is innocent
  - Barabbas or Jesus – another choice
  - Pilate’s wife

- Partial punishment (chapter 19)
- Behold your King (Chapter 19)
- Pilates wife – dream
- Sends to Herod
- My kingdom is not of this world
- For this reason, I was born – to bear witness to the truth
- Pilate – what is truth?

### **Barabbas**

- Knew he was guilty, and Jesus was innocent
- Jesus was a true substitute
- He had done nothing to merit his salvation for death
- His murder penalty was given to Jesus
- Jesus' innocence was given to Barabbas

### **Legal Violations of Jewish Law**

- Binding a prisoner before he was condemned was unlawful if no resistance indicated
- Judges were not permitted to be a part of the arrest
- No trials or legal transactions were to be held at night
- Any guilty verdict had to be done the next day, an acquittal could be done immediately
- No criminal could be condemned on his own evidence (two witnesses minimal)
- The court failed to fine two witnesses
- When the witnesses disagreed, they should have dismissed the case and let Jesus go
- No witnesses were called for the defense
- Illegal to hold court on a feast day
- A guilty verdict was given without evidence

### **There were six trials: Three religions/three secular**

- Annas
- Caiaphas
- Sanhedrin
- Pilate
- Herod
- Pilate