

PASSION ROAD

John's Map to Christ's Glory

Part 2 - The Dark Night of the Savior's Soul



***While Jesus was here on earth,
he offered prayers and pleadings,
with a loud cry and tears, to the one
who could rescue him from death...***

Hebrews 5:7-8 NLT

***...And God heard his prayers because
of his deep reverence for God.
Even though Jesus was God's Son,
he learned obedience from the
things he suffered.***

Hebrews 5:7-8 NLT

**Why Did Jesus Face
Such a Dark Night?**

1. Because of the Hatred of Religion



So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him.

First, they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year...

John 18:12-14

...It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

John 18:1-2

Religion vs. Relationship

Be especially careful when you are trying to be good so that you don't make a performance out of it. It might be good theater, but the God who made you won't be applauding. When you do something for someone else, don't call attention to yourself...

Matthew 6:1-2 MSG

***...You've seen them in action, I'm sure
— “play-actors” I call them— treating
prayer meeting and street corner alike
as a stage, acting compassionate as
long as someone is watching, playing
to the crowds. They get applause,
true, but that's all they get.***

Matthew 6:1-2 MSG

Religion vs. Relationship

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System Focused

vs. Relationship Focused

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Outward Show

vs. Inward Transformation

Religion vs. Relationship

**About the Negatives
vs. About the Positives**

Religion vs. Relationship

Sets Up Barriers

vs. Tears Down Barriers

2. Because of the Injustice of the Trials



The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together..."

John 18:19-24

***...I have said nothing in secret.
Why do you ask me? Ask those who
have heard me what I said to them;
they know what I said.”...***

John 18:19-24

***...When he had said these things,
one of the officers standing by struck
Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that
how you answer the high priest?”...***

John 18:19-24

...Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

John 18:19-24

What to Do When Falsely Accused

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Realize You're Not Alone

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:15

What to Do When Falsely Accused

Realize You're Not Alone

Actively & Quietly Trust God

***God will bless you for this,
if you endure the pain of undeserved
suffering because you are conscious of
his will. For what credit is there if you
endure the beatings you deserve for
having done wrong?...***

1 Peter 2:19-23 GNT

...But if you endure suffering even when you have done right, God will bless you for it. It was to this that God called you, for Christ himself suffered for you and left you an example, so that you would follow in his steps...

1 Peter 2:19-23 GNT

...He committed no sin, and no one ever heard a lie come from his lips. When he was insulted, he did not answer back with an insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but placed his hopes in God, the righteous Judge.

1 Peter 2:19-23 GNT

3. Because of the Denials of His Friends



Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the door...

John 18:15-18,25-27

***...So, the other disciple,
who was known to the high priest,
went out and spoke to the servant
girl who kept watch at the door,
and brought Peter in...***

John 18:15-18,25-27

***...The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?”
He said, “I am not.”...***

John 18:15-18,25-27

...Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself...

John 18:15-18,25-27

***...So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?”
He denied it and said, “I am not.”...***

John 18:15-18,25-27

...One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

John 18:15-18,25-27

The Downward Steps of a Diminished Soul

Asserting Self-Confidence

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Disassociating from Jesus

Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water...

Matthew 14:24-32 NLT

...When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified.

In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!" But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said.

"Take courage. I am here!"...

Matthew 14:24-32 NLT

*...Then Peter called to him,
“Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come
to you, walking on the water.”
“Yes, come,” Jesus said. So, Peter went
over the side of the boat and walked
on the water toward Jesus...*

Matthew 14:24-32 NLT

...But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him...

Matthew 14:24-32 NLT

***...“You have so little faith,” Jesus said.
“Why did you doubt me?” When they
climbed back into the boat, the wind
stopped. Then the disciples worshiped
him. “You really are the Son of God!”
they exclaimed.***

Matthew 14:24-32 NLT