



The Gospel According to John – The Betrayal and Arrest

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SERMON TEXT // **John 18:1-14** English Standard Version

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" ⁵They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." ⁹This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." ¹⁰Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) ¹¹So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

¹²So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

- SERMON GUIDE** //
1. The Betrayer Approaches. (vv.1-3)
 2. Jesus' Response. (vv.4-9)
 3. Peter's Misguided Response. (vv.10-11)
 4. Jesus Faces the High Priest. (vv.12-14)



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Question 1 // Read **John 18:1-14**. What is something from the text that resonated with you, a truth that encouraged you, or even a question you may have surrounding the text theme?

Question 2 // Betrayal evokes emotions such as sadness, anger, and shock. Its blade cuts deep, and leaves a wound in the heart of the unfortunate recipient. You have likely experienced betrayal in some degree or another. ***How does knowing that Christ faced the ultimate betrayal help you in healing? To broaden, how does knowing that Christ was fully man and experienced all of human hardships we faced help you through life?***

Question 3 // Although Jesus experienced humanities limitations as a man, He is also fully God. Bill highlighted that Jesus saying ***I am He*** in verse five it was a reminder to all of His deity. It even says in verse six that ***they [soldiers] drew back and fell to the ground***. ***When discussing your faith with others, how do you personally explain the fact that Jesus was both fully man and fully God? Discuss this beautiful truth.***

Question 4 // A wide array of human reaction is represented in the disciples during the betrayal and arrest of Jesus. We know this from all of the Bible's account of this historical event. We see Peter reacting in anger and chopping off the ear of one of the high priests officials. We see that they all ultimately reacted in a sense of fear by fleeing the scene. Put yourself in the Garden. ***How do you think you would have reacted?***

Reflection & Prayer

Spend time in praying that each of us would find the boldness and courage to stand up for Christ in our day to day lives in a way that honors His life, death, and resurrection.

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