THE GOSPEL OF
JOHN
PART FORTY-EIGHT
The Word Made Flesh

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# JOHN 18:1-11

## The Arrest of the Savior

1. Jesus is Betrayed (vv.1-3)

a. Jesus leads the disciples to a garden (Gethsemane; Matt 26:36-46)

i. Knowing how it will end does not eliminate the reality of the struggle

ii. Prayer ought to be your constant companion during the time of testing

iii. While it helps to have others with you during testing, no one can take the test for you

iv. Jesus' request of the Father about removing the cup demonstrates His awareness and anticipation of the true pain he would endure (not fake or lessened because He was God) but also shows us His resolve only to desire the Father's will.

b. John is the only Gospel writer who mentions a garden as the place of the arrest; it is one of his theological themes depicting Jesus as the Lamb of God who has come to take away sin.

i. Adam and Eve are confronted with abundance, while Jesus is anticipating suffering, betrayal, and abandonment from both human and divine

ii. When faced with temptation, Adam and Eve choose autonomy, yet Jesus chooses submission

iii. Adam and Eve chose to listen to the serpent, but Jesus heeded and complied with the will of the Father

iv. As far as consequences, Adam and Eve brought death to humanity, yet Jesus secured life and peace for all who would believe in Him.

c. Judas meets them in the garden (vv.2-3)

i. He has sold Jesus out for 30 pieces of silver (Matt 26:15-16)

ii. They show up expecting a fight

(1) The term used for soldier (σπεῖρα) means a cohort of Roman soldiers, which equates to one-tenth of a legion, thus approximately 600 men.

(2) They come with weapons

(3) A Jewish contingent is also present--indicating that the Jews and Romans were good working together in ridding themselves of Jesus as a problem and threat

(4) Yet, in the end, it was one of Jesus' own who made it possible to arrest Jesus, away from the crowd.