

Title: Simply Jesus: The Arrest of Jesus. Scripture: John 18:1-12 Date: 11122017 Bible Version: NKJV

BOTTOM LINE: In life, you will either be bound by the love of Jesus or the things of this world.

Vs. 1 These words- After His prayer from John 17.

Brook Kidron- a deep, dark ravine, to the northeast of Jerusalem, through which flowed this small storm brook or winter torrent, and which in summer is dried up.

A garden- At the foot of the Mount of Olives there was a garden, the garden of Gethsemane.

Which He and His disciples entered- This was a place that was not new to Jesus and the disciples.

Vs. 2

Knew the place- Judas new of this place. He knew Jesus would head here to pray. It's what He did with the disciples.

Jesus often met there with His disciples- The use of the phrase 'often met there with the disciples' indicates that this was not a one time visit.

Vs. 3

Judas misunderstood the nature of Jesus as he planned to use physical force.

A sinless Man in an appointed garden was about to do battle with Satan's representative. The first time this happened, the sinless man failed. The Second Adam would not fail.- Guzik

Vs. 4

Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him-

Perhaps this was meant to be reassuring despite what was taking place. He knew what He was going to face.

Judas hoped to catch Jesus by surprise, but this was impossible. Jesus' entire life was prepared for this hour.-Guzik

Went forward- Jesus did not wait. He did not hide. He went forward in obedience to the Father's will.

Vs. 5

Jesus of Nazareth- This cohort of men were there for one purpose. That purpose was to apprehend and arrest Jesus. The author (John) makes sure that we are aware and certain of who it is that they are looking for.

Judas...stood with them- What a drastic change. At one point Judas was walking along side of Jesus. He was witness to the many miracles of Jesus. Now, he stands opposed to Jesus.

Vs. 6

I am- We see one of the 'I am' statements of Jesus. This is one of many in the book of John. This further proves He is Deity.

They drew back and fell to the ground- To those who do not believe Christ is Deity, I simply point to the power He possessed. This cohort of men made up of Roman soldiers, Temple Captains, Levites and Judas were forced to the ground.

Judas misunderstood the power of Christ. This cohort was not enough to physically acquire Jesus. The only way for Jesus to be acquired would be through His obedience to the Father.

Vs. 7

He asked them again- To be certain Jesus asked them again. Perhaps this was an opportunity for this cohort to reconsider what they had come to do.

Vs. 8

I am HE- Again, Jesus did not try to hide or get His way out of this. He identified Himself. He was the Messiah. The promised one who would come to save the world.

Let these go their way- Knowing that the Father's plan included Jesus alone, He directed his captors to let the disciples go. The Father's plan rested on Jesus and Jesus alone.

Vs. 9

That the saying might be fulfilled- The author (John) quotes Jesus from previous conversations with Jesus from John 6:39 and John 17:12.

Vs. 10

We see Peter struck the high priest's servant.

Two things to note about Peter's attack:

- 1. He did not attack a soldier.
- 2. The person he did attack was more than likely not facing him.

Vs. 11

Put your sword into the sheath- Jesus did not encourage Peter towards being violent. He told him to put the sword away.

Shall I not drink the cup which my Father has given Me?- Jesus

reminded Peter of His purpose

Vs. 12

Arrested Jesus and bound Him- We should note that Jesus was assumed to be dangerous enough that many soldiers had to come and physically arrest Him. Remember vs. 6. Jesus was bound because it was the Father's will.

November 12th, 2017 Simply Jesus: The Arrest of Jesus. John 18:1-12 BOTTOM LINE: Jesus' life set an example for us on how to bring glory to the Father.

- 1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
- 2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
- 3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
- 4. What is your prayer for today?

DISCUSS.

- 1. In your own words describe the scene. You may also consider other Gospel accounts.
- 2. How do you feel about the fact that Jesus did not fight the opposition?
- 3. We see Peter act out in a way that ultimately hurts someone else. What lesson can we consider here?
- 4. Reading about Jesus being bound brings forth striking images. How do you reconcile the idea of Jesus being bound with our sin and with love for us?

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Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on <u>blueletterbible.com</u> or with their app.



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TAKEHOME

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DATE: November 12th, 2017

Scripture: Joash Repairs the Temple 2 Kings 12:1-15; 2 Chronicles 24:1-14

Take Home Questions:

1. In the story, how did the people serve Joash and the Temple? (They gave money & helped fix the Temple)

2. Did the people think about their OWN needs or the needs of Joash and the Temple? (The needs of Joash and the Temple) Right! When we think of others' needs above our own, we are serving them!

3. What is a way you can serve someone? (Open a door for someone, help carry something heavy, help clean at home, etc.)

Joash and the people in his town showed us an example of serving. We can follow their example when we serve others! We can serve others at home, with our friends, and even at church! Everyone tell me what we need to know in a silly voice! Saved People Serve People!

