

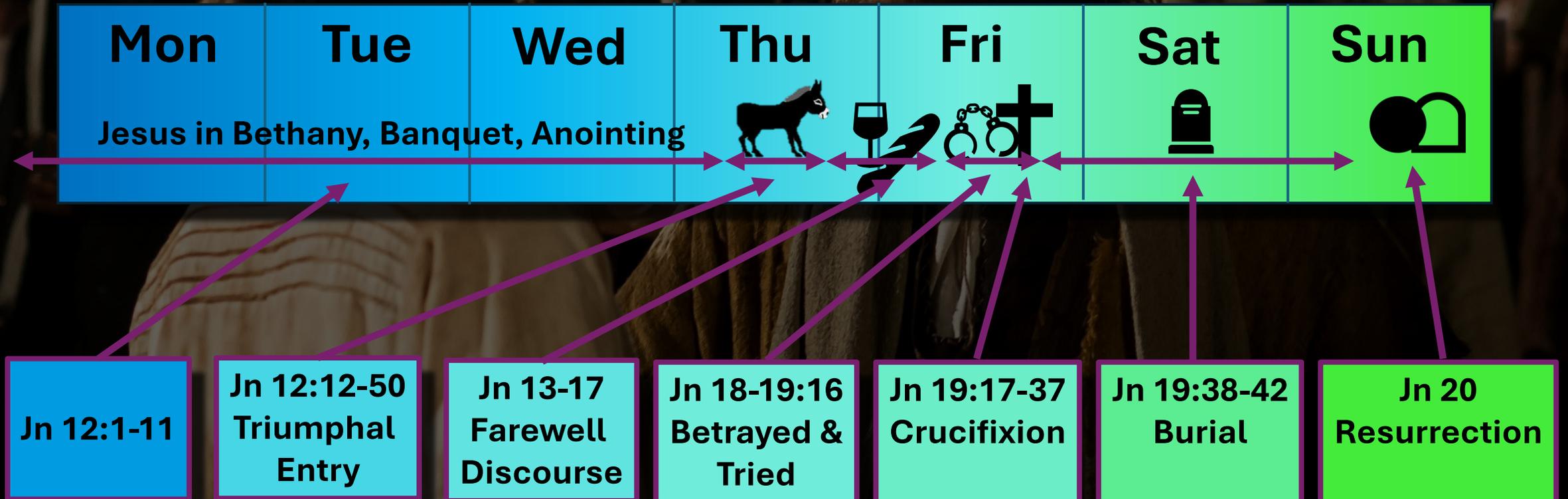


# The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

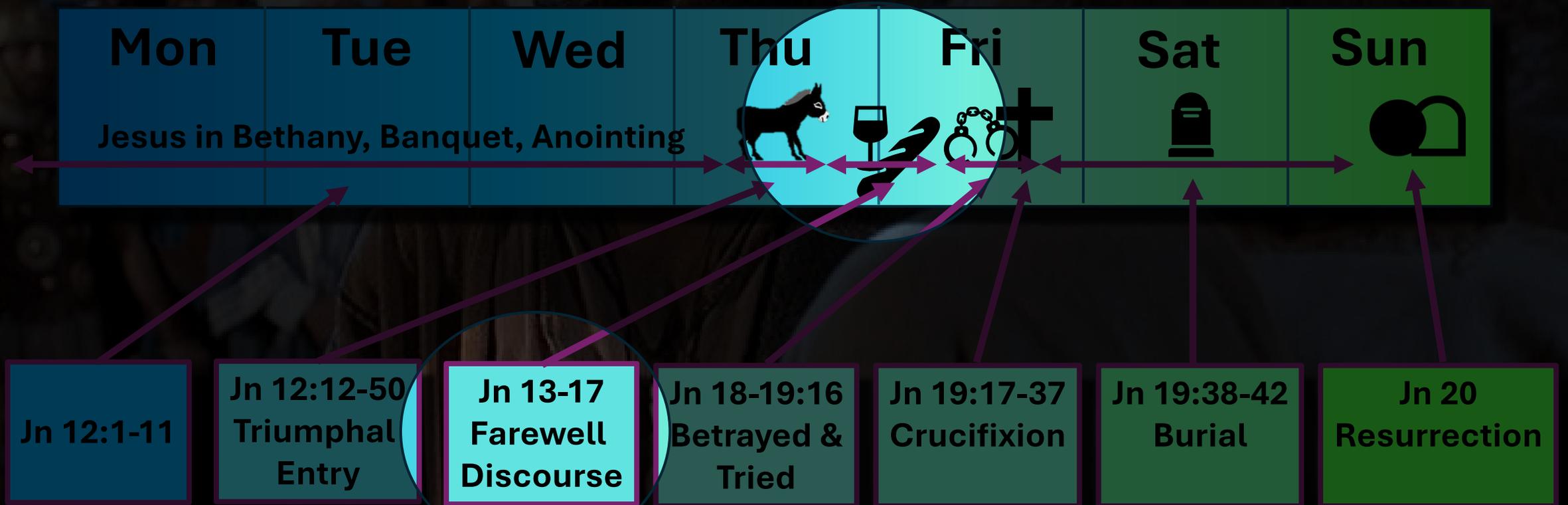
**John 18:1-27**

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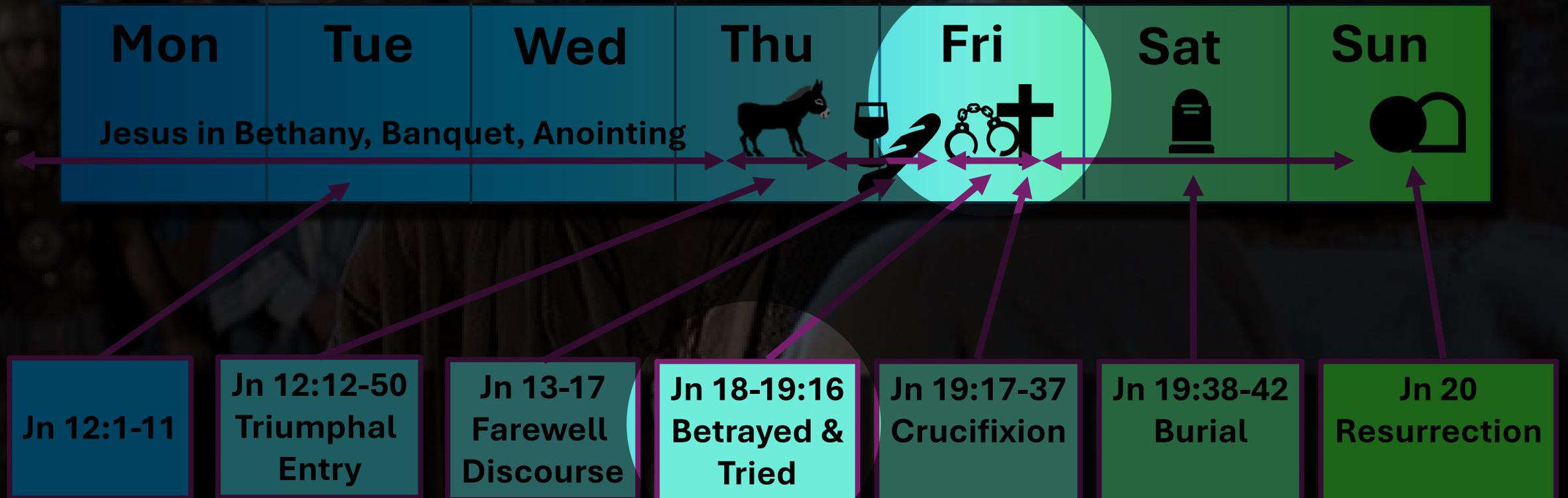
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After saying these things, Jesus crossed the Kidron Valley with his disciples and entered a grove of olive trees. Judas, the betrayer, knew this place, because Jesus had often gone there with his disciples. (John 18:1-2 Today From NLT)

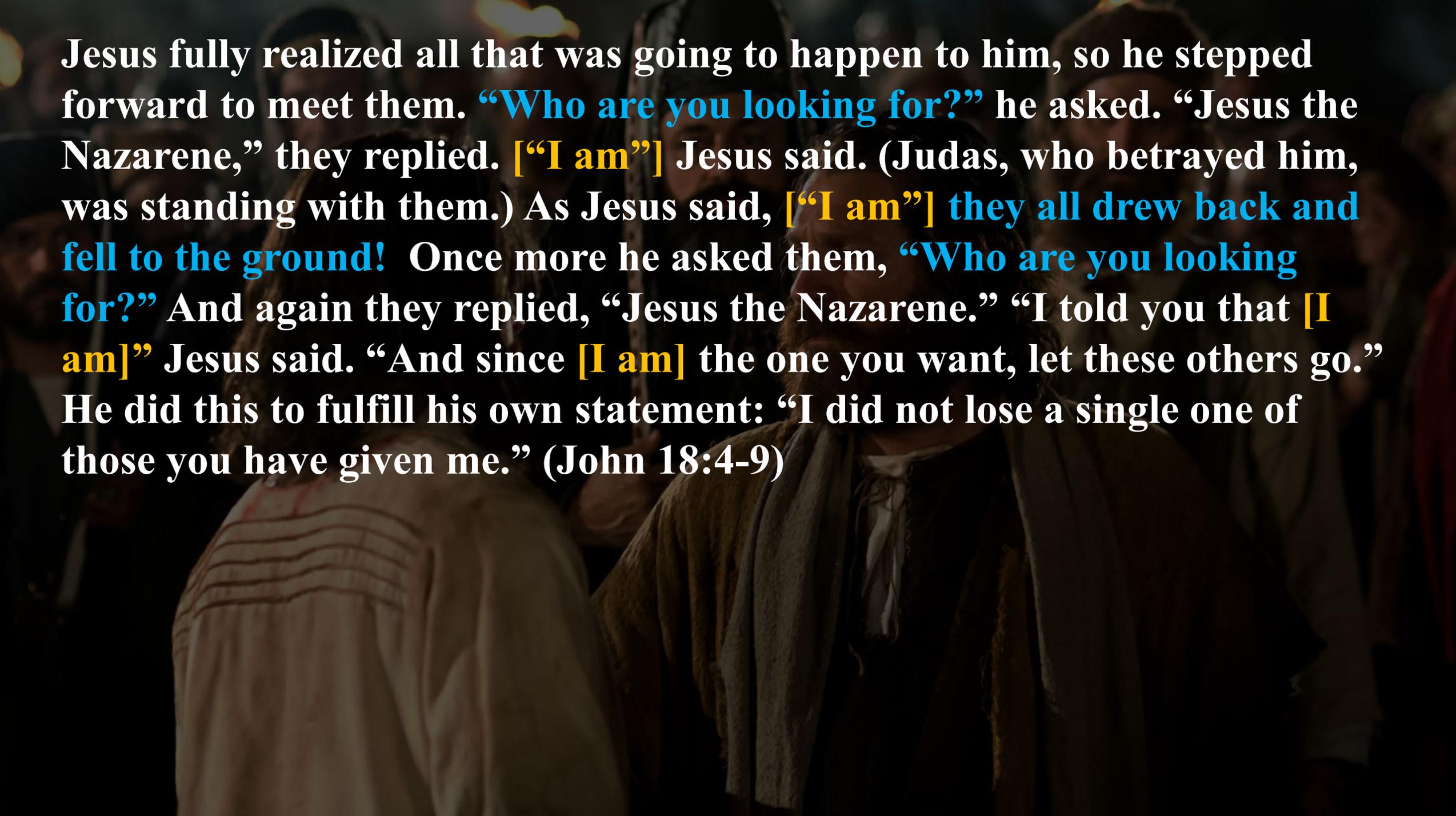
### **Review of Judas/Satan & Jesus' Movements**

- **13:2 The Devil persuades Judas to deceive Jesus.**
- **13:12 Jesus washed Judas' feet.**
- **13:27 Satan takes possession of Judas.**
- **13:30 Judas leaves, and it is night.**
- **14:30-31 Jesus leaves to meet the Devil *head-on*.**
- **18:1 Jesus enters the Garden of Gethsemane.**
- **Synoptics—Jesus Prays [in agony] to the Father.**
- **Synoptics—Judas seals the betrayal with a kiss.**

The leading priests and Pharisees had given Judas **[a band of soldiers and servants]** to accompany him. Now with blazing torches, lanterns, and weapons, they arrived at the olive grove. (John 18:3)

### **In the Garden**

- **The Passover Moon is full.**
- **Judas has betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.**
- **About a month's wage (\$5,000 today).**
- **A Roman Soldier translation is probably incorrect.**
- **They are looking for a Messianic fight.**



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## *Tetragrammaton Review*

- God's name was revealed to Moses as "I Am."
- God replied to Moses, "I am who I am. Say this to the people of Israel: *I am* has sent me to you." (Exodus 3:14)
- This becomes linked to a shortened form of God's name in the O.T. (Tetragrammaton): *YHWH* (יהוה)
- Scholars reconstruct it as *Yahweh*.
- English Bibles translate *YHWH* as LORD.
- Not to be confused with Adonai, "Lord."
- The Septuagint translates Exodus 3:14 as "*Ego Eimi*" or "I am."

## The Seven *Metaphorical* "I Am" Statements of Jesus

1. "I Am the bread of life." (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51)
2. "I Am the light of the world." (John 8:12)
3. "I Am the door of the sheep." (John 10:7, 9)
4. "I Am the good shepherd." (John 10:11, 14)
5. "I Am the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25)
6. "I Am the way, the truth, and the life." (John 14:6)
7. "I Am the true vine." (John 15:1, 5)

## The *Absolute & Implied* "I Am" Statements of Jesus

John 8:28, 58; 13:19; 4:26; 6:20; 18:5, 6, 8

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**They knew what they were doing, and Jesus let them do it.**

**Nic at Night (Jn 3:2)**  
**“We all know that God has sent you... Your signs are evidence...”**

**The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again. No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded.” (Jn 10:17-18)**

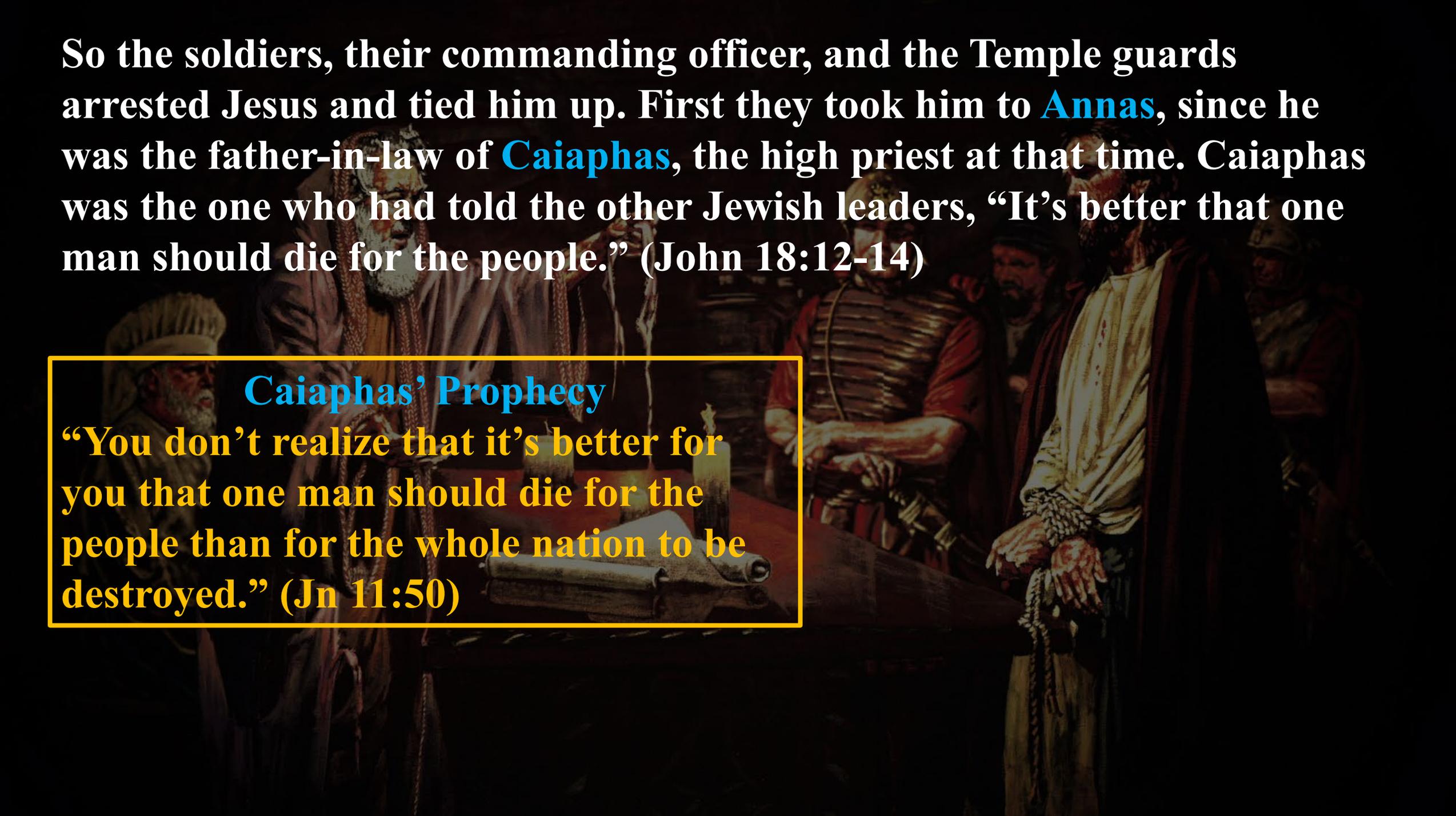
Then Simon Peter drew a sword and slashed off the right ear of Malchus, the high priest's slave. But Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Shall I not **drink from the cup of suffering** the Father has given me?" (John 18:10-11)

### **Peter's Proclamation & Jesus' Response**

**"I'm ready to die for you!" (Jn 13:37)**

**"Die for me? I tell you the truth, Peter—before the rooster crows tomorrow morning you will deny three times that you know me." (Jn 13:38)**

**How do you respond when God doesn't respond the way you want?**



So the soldiers, their commanding officer, and the Temple guards arrested Jesus and tied him up. First they took him to **Annas**, since he was the father-in-law of **Caiaphas**, the high priest at that time. Caiaphas was the one who had told the other Jewish leaders, “It’s better that one man should die for the people.” (John 18:12-14)

### **Caiaphas’ Prophecy**

“You don’t realize that it’s better for you that one man should die for the people than for the whole nation to be destroyed.” (Jn 11:50)

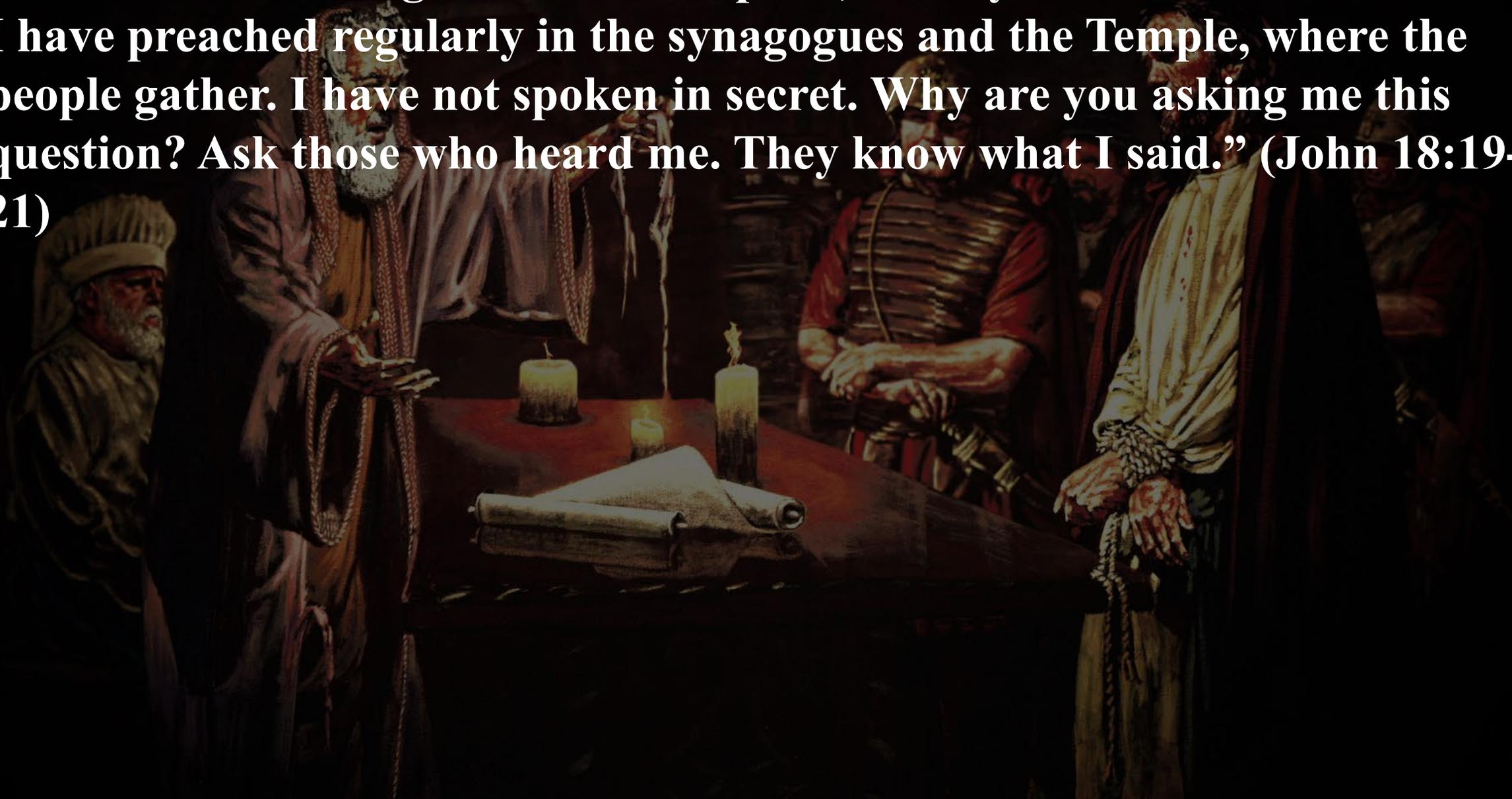
Simon Peter followed Jesus, as did another of the disciples. That other disciple was acquainted with the high priest, so he was allowed to enter the high priest's courtyard with Jesus. Peter had to stay outside the gate. Then the disciple who knew the high priest spoke to the woman watching at the gate, and she let Peter in. The woman asked Peter, **“You’re not one of that man’s disciples, are you?”** **“No,”** he said, **“I am not.”** Because it was cold, the household servants and the guards had made a **charcoal fire**. They stood around it, warming themselves, and Peter stood with them, warming himself. (John 18:15-18)

### **Peter’s Denials of Christ**

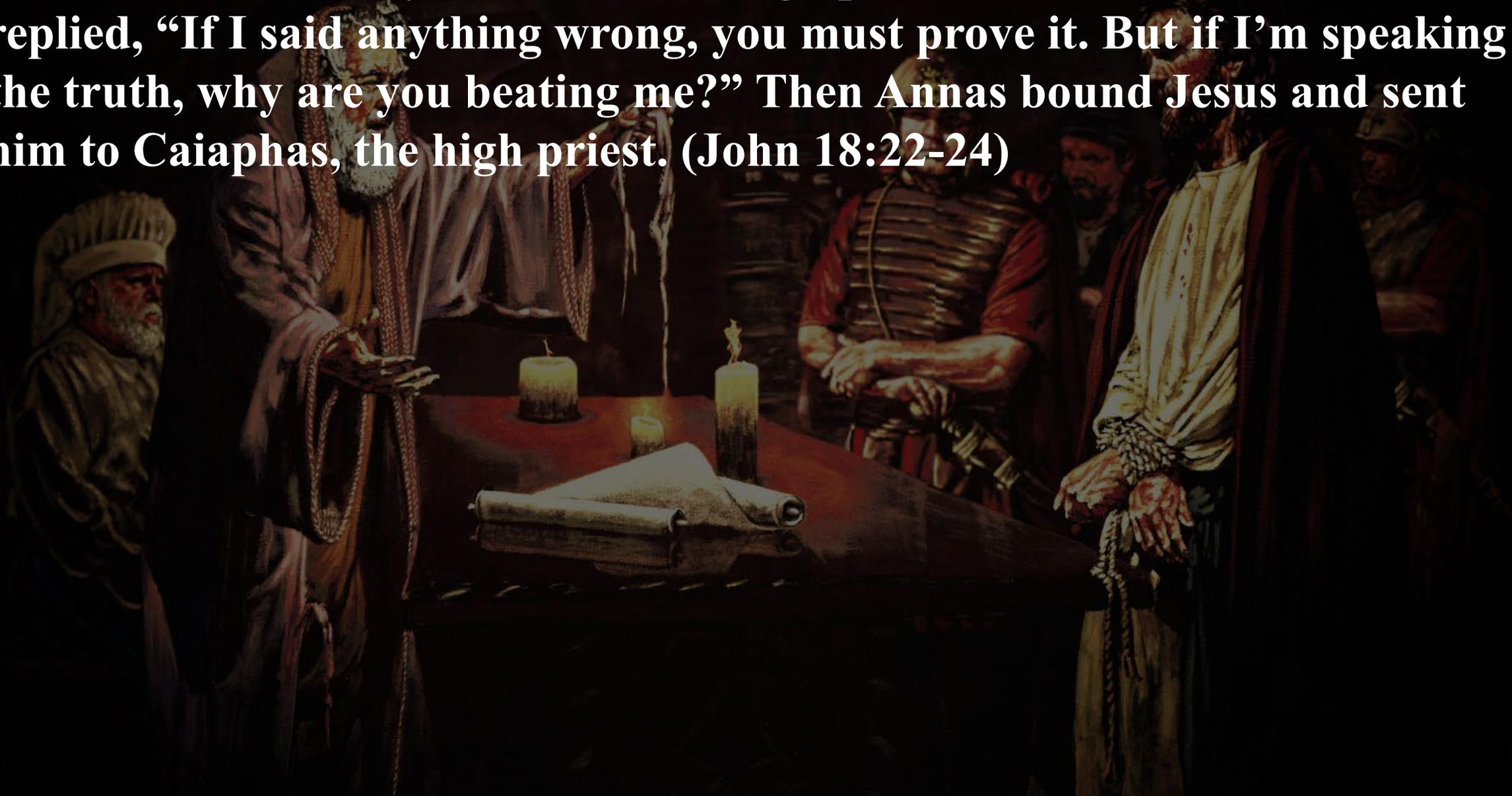
**1. “No, I am not.” (Jn 18:17)**

**Things in the physical realm represent and cooperate with things in the spiritual realm.**  
**(Arglism)**

**Inside, the high priest began asking Jesus about his followers and what he had been teaching them. Jesus replied, “Everyone knows what I teach. I have preached regularly in the synagogues and the Temple, where the people gather. I have not spoken in secret. Why are you asking me this question? Ask those who heard me. They know what I said.” (John 18:19-21)**



**Then one of the Temple guards standing nearby slapped Jesus across the face. “Is that the way to answer the high priest?” he demanded. Jesus replied, “If I said anything wrong, you must prove it. But if I’m speaking the truth, why are you beating me?” Then Annas bound Jesus and sent him to Caiaphas, the high priest. (John 18:22-24)**



Meanwhile, as Simon Peter was standing by the fire warming himself, they asked him again, **“You’re not one of his disciples, are you?”** He denied it, saying, **“No, I am not.”** But one of the household slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, **“Didn’t I see you out there in the olive grove with Jesus?”** **Again, Peter denied it.** And immediately a rooster crowed. (John 18:25-27)

### **Peter’s Denials of Christ**

- 1. “No, I am not.” (Jn 18:17)**
- 2. “No, I am not.” (Jn 18:25)**
- 3. “Again, Peter denied it.” (Jn 18:27)**

On the way, Jesus told them, “All of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, ‘God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I am raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there.” Peter said to him, “**Even if everyone else deserts you, I never will.**” Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me.” “**No!**” Peter declared emphatically. “**Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!**” And all the others vowed the same. (Mark 14: 27-31)

**Suddenly, Jesus’ words flashed through Peter’s mind: “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me.”** And he broke down and wept. (Mark 14:72)

**Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must *give up your own way*, take up your cross daily, and follow me. (Luke 9:23)**

