

“JESUS UNDER ARREST”

John 18:1-14

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Welcome to our series *Knowing Christ in Suffering and Glory* (John 18-21)! John wrote this inspired biography of Jesus “so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31). As we study Christ’s arrest, trial, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension, we hope that you will come to know Christ and the abundant life He promises (John 10:10). In John 18:1-14, we see that “Jesus was not a helpless victim or a courageous martyr, but a sovereign savior” (Carter and Wredberg).

- I. Jesus Willingly Submits to His Arrest (vv.1-4)**

- II. Jesus Sovereignly Overwhelms His Enemies (vv.5-7)**

- III. Jesus Eternally Protects His Disciples (vv.8-9)**

- IV. Jesus Sacrificially Absorbs the Wrath of His Father (vv.10-14)**

TO DISCUSS WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS:

1. Describe the ways this passage shows Jesus is neither victim nor martyr, but sovereign.
2. How are you personally encouraged when you read, “Of those whom you gave me I have not lost one”? (See also John 6:37-39 and 10:28-29). How does the doctrine of eternal security motivate you when faced with trails or temptation?
3. How is God’s wrath different than human wrath? How could we accurately explain God’s wrath to an unbeliever?
4. How does meditating on the reality that Jesus drank the cup of God’s wrath in your place change your day-to-day life?
5. Who can you pray for and invite to listen to this sermon series through John 18-21?

FOR NEXT TIME— Read John 18:15-27.