

I. Introduction: The final confrontation with the powers of darkness came in Gethsemane, where Judas betrayed Jesus, and the soldiers arrested Him like a common criminal.

II. The Confrontation In The Garden (John 18:1-11).

A. Jesus' Divine Courage (vv. 1-4).

1. Jesus confidently came out to confront Satan and his people, demonstrating that He is not afraid of the world because He has overcome it by His cross.

B. Jesus' Divine Power (vv. 5-6).

1. Jesus' power and authority were so great that when the soldiers came to arrest Him, they fell to the ground after He announced to them that He is the "I AM."

C. Jesus' Divine Protection (vv. 7-9).

1. Jesus told the chief priests, the elders, and the temple officers to let the disciples go since He was the one they had come to arrest.

D. Jesus' Divine Obedience (vv. 10-11).

1. Jesus stopped Peter from attacking the soldiers and instead healed the ear of Malchus to show that He had not come to kill or destroy His enemies but to save them.

III. Conclusion: Jesus confronted the forces of Satan in Gethsemane and overcame his evil plans by powerfully healing His enemy's servant and demonstrating compassion for them.

Questions About: The Confrontation In The Garden

1. How did human history begin in a garden? (**Gen 2:8-17**) How did Jesus confront Satan as Adam should have in the garden? How did Jesus redeem humanity in a garden? (**John 18:1; 19:41**)
2. How did Jesus demonstrate courage by going out to meet the soldiers? (**John 18:1-4**) How did Judas identify Jesus? (**Mark 14:44-45**) Why did Jesus go to Gethsemane? (**John 18:2**)
3. How many troops came out to arrest Jesus? (**John 18:3**) How was the first Adam a coward in the Garden of Eden? (**Gen 3:1-7**) How did Jesus confront Satan in the garden? (**v. 2**)
4. How was Jesus' power manifested to the Romans? (**John 18:5-6**) What was the significance of Jesus' response? (**vv. 4-5**) What did they do when they heard Jesus say "I am"? (**v. 6**) Why?
5. Why did the Romans arm themselves? (**Luke 22:52-53**) What did they anticipate would happen when they came to arrest Jesus? How did Adam respond when confronted by Satan? (**Gen 3:1-7**)
6. How did Jesus protect the disciples from the Romans? (**John 18:7-9**) Why did the Romans and Jews listen to Jesus' command? (**v. 8**) How did Jesus fulfill scripture? (**v. 9**)
7. How did Peter respond to the arrest of Jesus? (**John 18:10-11**)? How did Jesus heal Malchus' ear? (**Luke 22:50-51**) How did this act probably save Peter's life?
8. How did Jesus fulfill God's plan by being arrested? Are you pretending like Judas? Fighting like Peter? Hardening your heart like the Jewish leaders? Yielding yourself to God's will like Jesus?

Prayer

1. Pray that God would reveal whether you are like Judas, Peter, the Jews, or Jesus.
2. Ask God to help you follow Him regardless of how dark the circumstances around you look.