

The Gospel of John: Peter's worst day.

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Text: John 18:1-27 (page 904)

Kiss the Son. (John 18:1-3)

Put your sword away. (John 18:4-11)

God bound and questioned (John 18:12-14; 19-24)

Standing and warming yourself (John 18:15-18; 25-27)

Memory Verse: John 18:11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

Food for Thought for the week of January 6, 2019

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

1. How is it possible for Judas to be so close to Jesus and still betray Him?
2. What gets someone to this place of shallowness? Or is it that they have never completely surrendered to Jesus?
3. What wrong thinking led to Peter swinging his sword at the head of Malchus?
4. What specific actions or thinking in today's culture war would Jesus respond to with "Put away your sword?"
5. Why is Jesus the most calm and composed person during this whole sequence of disturbing events? (Think about the fact that He is all powerful and yet allows them to bind him.)
6. Peter "stands and warms himself" outside with an interesting group of people. John even has to go out and get him at one point. What does this look like in our day? How is it just as dangerous?
7. What do the actions of Jesus reveal about His heart for some of your worst moments? What is the level of His commitment to the cup the Father has for him to drink?