

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
The Arrest Of Jesus
John 18:1-12
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IN THE GARDEN

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. John 18:1 ESV

And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." Matthew 26:39 ESV

Jesus was in agony. The stress was so great that capillary's broke and blood mixed with sweat dripped from Him.

Here we learn that even if you live a perfect and obedient life there may still be pain and discomfort.

Talk to God about everything you are feeling and what you want to happen. And when you are all done laying it out submit to God's will.

THE BETRAYAL

Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. 3 So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. John 18:2-3 ESV

Why is Judas doing this? I suspect Judas thought this would convince Jesus to break out and re-establish the throne of David and free the Jews from Roman rule.

THE CONFRONTATION

Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" 5 They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. 6 When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. 7 So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." 8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." 9 This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." John 18:4-8 ESV

This is Jesus using the name of God 'I Am' to identify Himself.

I can imagine they were hesitant about trying to arrest Jesus whose reputation of miracles and authoritative teaching proceeds Him.

ANOTHER MIRACLE

Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) 11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?" John 18:10-11 ESV

And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. 51 But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. Luke 22:50-51 ESV

Jesus has committed to drinking of the cup God the Father has given Him.

Evil deeds are done in darkness.

Jesus is confronted by a large armed crowd who is there to arrest Him. Judas betrayed Him.

God answered Jesus' prayer. You will drink from the cup I gave you. God sent Him like a lamb to slaughter to be our payment for our sins so we could be reconciled in our relationship with God.