

# JOHN 18

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## *Jesus Arrested (18:1-11)*

1. Why do Pharisees want to take advantage of the night to arrest (see 3:19-20, 12:25, 13:30)?x - **same night**  
**men love darkness**  
**-know they're wrong**  
**-didn't work during day**  
**-fear of the many people who liked Jesus**

## **John focuses on imagery**

**Symbol i.e. at darkest hour**

2. How do you think the disciples felt when they saw these menacing-looking people coming?x  
**-note John's wording**  
**-John = X in control**  
**Peter - natural**  
**- some afraid**  
**Thomas - go with and die?**

3. Seeing how he deals with the soldiers (vv. 4, 8) and Peter (v. 11), what do you learn about Jesus?x  
**- confidence**  
**- in control**

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**restrained power**

4. Why did Jesus tell Peter to put away his sword?

**11 – must drink this cup**  
**God's will – don't fight**

5. What is “the cup” which Jesus must drink (v. 11)?x  
**cross**

6. Given his pacifism, why is Jesus bound (v- 12)?x Who's afraid of whom here?x  
**fear escape?**  
**show as prisoner - Roman conquered**

## *Jesus' Trials and Peter's Denials (18:12-27)*

7. How did Peter get into the court of the High Priest?

**16 – other disciple = John ?**

8. What do you think Peter and the other disciple hoped to do?x How do you account for the difference between Peter here (v. 17) and in the garden (18:19)?x  
**- confused**

## Tradition

**John - dad had hired servants**

**Mk. 1:20 = some wealth**

**>provided salt fish for H.P. household**

**→ but we really don't know**

9. What was the weather like that night?

**18 – cold**

10. What is ironic about the high priest's questioning of Jesus?x

**he knew the answers**

**he was actually the former**

**H.P. -ANNAS**

**no OT authority**

11. How do Jesus' answers expose this trial as a mockery (v. 23)? If

**What is wrong?**

**Not penalty of death upon sinner by own confession**

**-condemned before tried**

**blasphemy - Lev. 14:16**

**-use Romans A 2:23**

12. What feelings must Peter have had after the rooster crowed (v. 27; see 13:37-38)?x What do you suppose Peter did at that point?x

**shock - grief**

**(not lawful in holy city?)**

**Trumpet call at 3 a.m. Romans**

***Jesus Before Pilate (18:28-40)***

13. Why are the Jewish leaders rushing this trial?x

What is the irony in vs. 28?x

**Passover Gentiles unclean**

**X - Passover Lamb leaven**

14. What charge did the Jews bring against Jesus before Pilate?

**None really**

**30 – a criminal**

15. What reason do they finally give Pilate for bringing Jesus to him (vv. 33-34)? Why would Pilate take this seriously?x

How are Pilate's fears like those of the Jewish leaders in 11:48? x

**33-35 – king of the Jews**

**Caesar was the only king**

**He also fears losing his place**

16. What does Jesus tell Pilate about his kingdom (vv. 36-37)? Who is included in it?

**Not this world**

**\*those on side of truth**

17. What is Pilate really trying to do with his pursuit of "truth"?x

**Searching?**

**way out?**

18. Pilate and Peter both caved under pressure. Why do we tend to scorn Pilate and honor Peter?x

**later changed**

19. What all is told about Barabbas? (How about in the other Gospels?x)

**40 – rebellion**

**robber, murder, treason**

**Bar (son of) abba (father) = Jr.**

20. How does the Barabbas story illustrate the Gospel?

**X took place**