

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

The Book of John

Lesson 20

The Rejection of Christ

John 18 – 19:16

REFLECTION

Review Jesus prayer to His Father in John 17. What new thought did you receive from the intimacy of the Father-Son relationship? How were you touched by Jesus prayer for you?

FOCUS VERSE

Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, 'Whom are you seeking?' They answered Him, 'Jesus of Nazareth' (John 18:4, 5).

SECTION 1 – Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest

Examine the other three Gospels along with this passage in John to get a fuller picture of Jesus' last hours, before He gave His life for the salvatio of man.

Read John 18:1-11.

1. Where did Jesus go with His disciples (vs. 1, 2)? _____

What did Judas know about this place? _____

2. What was the name of the garden (Mark 14:32)? _____¹

3. What happened in the garden (Mark 14:32-42, Luke 22:39-46). _____

What did Jesus ask of the Father? _____

¹ Gethsemane: oil press; an olive tree garden near Jerusalem on the Mount of Olives.

What were the disciples doing while Jesus was praying? Explain. _____

What was Jesus teaching His disciples in the midst of His own agony? _____

PERSONAL

Jesus warned the disciples to stay awake and pray lest they enter into temptation. What is Jesus saying to you regarding your prayer life?

4. What happened to Jesus while He was praying (Luke 22:41-44)? _____

5. Which disciple betrayed Jesus to His enemies (Luke 22:47, 48, John 18:2, 3)? _____

How did he know where to find Jesus? _____

What did he do to Jesus? _____

What did Jesus say to him? _____

Who did he bring with him? _____

What were they carrying? _____

6. What did Jesus fully understand (John 18:4)? _____

How did He confront His enemies? _____

What did He ask them? _____

7. Who did they say they were seeking (vs. 5, 6)? _____

Jesus manifested His glory as He answered. Who did He say He was? _____

How did the soldiers and Judas respond to Jesus? _____

8. Jesus again asked the soldiers, ‘*Whom are you seeking?*’ What was His greatest concern (vs. 7-9)? Why?

9. What did Peter do to try to help Jesus (vs. 10, 11)? _____

How did Jesus exhort Peter? _____

How did Jesus minister to Malchus (Luke 22:49-51)? _____

How does this speak to you? _____

10. What did Jesus say to the chief priests, the captains of the temple, and the elders (Luke 22:52, 53)?

SECTION 2 – Jesus on Trial Before the Jewish Leaders

Read John 18:12-27.

1. Who was the man that Jesus was first presented to (vs. 12-14)? _____

2. What added facts do you learn about this man and his father-in-law?

Matthew 26:1-5 _____

John 11:45-53 _____

3. Who followed after Jesus (John 18:15, 16)? _____ ²

What was the *other disciple* able to do? _____

4. What question did a young girl ask of Peter (vs. 17)? _____

What was Peter's response? _____

5. As Jesus' *hour* began, where was Peter and who was he with (vs. 18)? _____

6. How did Jesus respond to the questioning of His teachings (vs. 19-23)? _____

What did the one of the temple guards do to Jesus? _____

How did Jesus answer? _____

7. Who was Jesus taken to next (vs. 24)? _____

8. What did the leading chief priest, the elders, and all the council³ seek in order to find a reason to put Jesus to death (Matthew 26:59-63)?

What did they demand of Him? _____

9. How did Jesus respond to their accusations (Matthew 26:64)? _____

10. What was the reaction of the High Priest and the other men (Matthew 26:65-68)? _____

² another disciple: John the Beloved.

³ council: the Jewish Sanhedrin; a subordinate tribunal.

11. Meanwhile, what did Peter continue to do (John 18:25-27)? _____

What was Peter asked and how did he respond? _____

A third person asked Peter a question. Who was he and what did he say? _____

12. What did Jesus do (Luke 22:59-62)? _____

What did Peter remember? What did he do? _____

LOOK DEEPER

Compare the other three gospels and find the added information about the account of Peter's denial?

Matthew 26:69-75 _____

Mark 14:66-72 _____

Luke 22:54-62 _____

LOOK DEEPER

What was the end of Judas' life (Matthew 27:1-10)? _____

How was prophesy fulfilled? _____

PERSONAL

What lessons do you learn from Peter? _____

How about Judas? _____

What do you learn about Jesus? _____

13. According to Luke, Jesus was led to the Sanhedrin and other religious leaders to be tried. What happened to Him there (Luke 22:63-71)?

SECTION 3 – The Roman Trial of Jesus

Read John 18:28-19:16.

1. Where was Jesus then led (vs. 28, 29)? _____⁴

Did His accusers follow Jesus? Why not? _____

2. From Luke 23:1, 2 give the accusations that the Jews made to Pilate⁵ against Jesus. _____

⁴ Praetorium: Roman Governor's court room; judgment hall; palace.

⁵ Pilate: Roman Governor.

3. How did Pilate try to avoid taking responsibility in judging Jesus (John 18:29-32, Luke 23:3, 4)?

4. Read John 18:33-19:16. What main questions and statements did Pilate make to Jesus? What were Jesus' statements?

LOOK DEEPER

Reread John 18:33-19:16. What was Pilate really searching for? How was Jesus leading him to the truth?

5. How did Jesus reveal the truth to Pilate? What was the governor's verdict (John 18:36-38, Luke 23:3, 4)?

6. What further warning did Pilate's wife give to him concerning Jesus (Matthew 27:19)? _____

NOTE

When Pilate learned that Jesus was under Herod's⁶ jurisdiction he passed Him off to Herod who was in Jerusalem at this time.

7. Record Herod's and the Lord's actions (Luke 23:6-12).

⁶ Herod: Herod Antipas.

Herod: _____

Jesus: _____

After Jesus stood before Herod He was sent back to Pilate for His final sentencing.

8. What did Pilate do to please the crowd (Luke 23:13-23, John 19:1-13)? _____

9. What was Pilate's final decision regarding Jesus (Luke 23:24, 25, John 19:14-16)? _____

PERSONAL

Prayerfully get on your knees and thank Jesus for willingly offering His life for your sins.

*So they delivered Him to them to be crucified.
So they took Jesus and led Him away.
John 19:16*

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