

Ordinary Faith

John 18:1-28

Overview: John 18:1-28

- The focus is on three primary characters aside from Jesus. Judas, Annas, and Peter.
- Read John 18:1-28.
- What keywords do you first notice? Highlight or circle them.
- What phrases catch your attention? Underline them.
- What stands out in each person's behavior? How might you empathize with each of them?

Insights:

- The Gospel of John has moved through a great deal of theological teaching. Now we move into historical narrative.
- Judas' involvement doesn't really seem necessary.
- Annas seems caught off guard, which is odd when you consider the council had already decided to kill Jesus.
- Peter is a whirlwind that does more harm than good. He does a great deal, and all of it wrong. (Sword, following, courtyard, denial)

Explore:

- Discuss Jesus' "I AM" response, vs 6. Can you explain the Soldiers' reaction?
- Who is in charge of this whole affair? God/Jesus, Satan, The Jews? Discuss your answers.
- Discuss Peter's Actions.
 - The hour of prayer in the garden (Mt 26:40)
 - The sword and a guy's ear
 - Following Jesus at a distance
 - Sitting in the Courtyard
 - His Denials
- Discuss the interests each character was protecting. (Judas, Annas/Caiaphas, Peter)
- How can our own self interests corrupt our good intentions toward God and men?
- How does the Cross of Jesus overcome that self interest within us?
- Does this shed any new light on Mt 16:24? (*Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.*)

Application:

Discuss Simple Daily Applications

Notes:

John 18:3-6, 12, 24-27 NLT The leading priests and Pharisees had given Judas a contingent of Roman soldiers and Temple guards to accompany him. Now with blazing torches, lanterns, and weapons, they arrived at the olive grove. 4 Jesus fully realized all that was going to happen to him, so he stepped forward to meet them. "Who are you looking for?" he asked. 5 "Jesus the Nazarene," they replied. "I AM he," Jesus said. (Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.) 6 As Jesus said "I AM he," they all drew back and fell to the ground! ...

12 So the soldiers, their commanding officer, and the Temple guards arrested Jesus and tied him up. ...

24 Then Annas bound Jesus and sent him to Caiaphas, the high priest. 25 Meanwhile, as Simon Peter was standing by the fire warming himself, they asked him again, "You're not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it, saying, "No, I am not." 26 But one of the household slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Didn't I see you out there in the olive grove with Jesus?" 27 Again Peter denied it. And immediately a rooster crowed.

Fury! The Storm Breaks - John 18:1-28

Arrested (1-9, 12-13)

Why Judas?

3 attempts, (7:32, 45-49; 8:59; 10:39)

I AM...

*Jesus was God Manifest in the Flesh
Jesus death was Voluntary
Those guilty are without excuse*

Interrogated - (13-14, 19-24)

Annas - the Hight Priest?

Caiaphas - the High Priest?

Matthew 26:63-64

Peter (10-11, 15-18, 25-27)

A Sword

A Pop Quiz

Psalm 1:1, 4

Summary of Peter

Beware...

There is a reason...

Embrace the Cross