

John 18: 1-11

John 18:1 When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was an olive grove, and he and his disciples went into it. **2** Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. **3** So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons. **4** Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?" **5** "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) **6** When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. **7** Again he asked them, "Who is it you want?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." **8** "I told you that I am he," Jesus answered. "If you are looking for me, then let these men go." **9** This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me." **10** Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) **11** Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"

1. According to verse 4, what did the guards have to do in order to arrest Jesus?
2. What does verse 4 teach about Jesus' understanding?
3. What does verse 4 teach about Jesus' death?
4. What do we know about this Judas who betrayed Jesus?
5. If Jesus knew (verse 4) all the plans of Judas and those trying to arrest him then in verse 2 why did Jesus go to a place that He knew they could find Him?
6. In verse 6, who were the people who drew back and fell to the ground?
7. How could verse 6 relate to Philippians 2:9-11 below?
(**2:9** Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, **Php 2:10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **Php 2:11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.)
8. What quick contrast do you see in the behavior of the guards towards Jesus?
9. What are the two different ways that we can view Jesus?
10. Earlier Jesus said that He would lose none that the Father gave him; what is the significance in verse 9 that it was now being fulfilled?
11. In verse 10 and 11 what was Peter's first inclination to do? Why?
12. Jesus' goal was also to have victory; what did Jesus plan to have victory over?
13. In verse 11, why did Jesus tell Peter to put his sword away?
14. In verse 11, what was the cup that the Father gave to Jesus? (see Isaiah 51:22)
(**22** This is what your Sovereign LORD says, your God, who defends his people: "See, I have taken out of your hand the cup that made you stagger; from that cup, the goblet of my wrath, you will never drink again.)
15. Why did Jesus drink this cup?