



# PITWM VERSE BY VERSE

## JOHN 18:1-13

### LESSON: JESUS' ARREST — January 30, 2022

#### INTRODUCTION:

**CHAPTER 17:20-21** Jesus is not only praying for the disciples alone, but for future believers who will accept Jesus because of the disciples' Word. Also, that all be one, as the Father and Jesus are one; and that these disciples be one heart, one mind in the Father and Jesus. This would bring about the world believing that the Father sent Jesus.

#### LESSON: I. TREACHERY IN THE GARDEN JOHN 18:1-1-3

**18:1** When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered and his disciples. After Jesus had finished His prayer, He takes His disciples over the "*Brook Cedron or Kidron*", which runs along the east side of Jerusalem where the garden that has olives, the "*Garden of Gethsemane*."

**18:2** And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples. Jesus had gone to the garden (His special place with the Father) many times before to get away from the crowds with His disciples. Jesus teaches that we need a special place for just He and I. We need no outside noises, no other sounds. Let us abide under the shadow of the Almighty where no power or foe can withstand or penetrate. Jesus' Holy Ghost power can reach through the walls of our inner man to keep us protected. Now, the plot of Judas unfolds, and he also knows about this place and had agreed to betray Jesus.

**18:3** Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from with the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. So, Judas takes with him a large crowd (some have estimated six hundred Roman soldiers) of a band of men and officers (temple police) from with the chief priests and Pharisees had come to arrest Jesus. They came with lanterns and torches to take the "*Light of the World*", and they came with weapons to arrest the "*Prince of Peace!*"

#### II. DEMONSTRATION OF POWER JOHN 18:4-9

**18:4** Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, **Whom seek ye?** Because Jesus was completely aware of Judas' plan, and knew what was happening, He went out to meet them. He was doing God's Will and asked them "**Whom seek ye?**" Jesus knew He was to bear the sins of the world upon the cross. He could have fled. He could have blown them away with His breath, but He didn't! Now tell me whom you're seeking! Say my Name!

**18:5** They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. The soldiers called out His Name "*Jesus of Nazareth*" and Jesus' response is "*I am he.*" It was at this point in Matthew, Mark, and Luke that Judas, in his act of betrayal; deceit; and treachery, he kissed the Lord (Matthew 26:49).

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**18:6** As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.

Wow! As soon as He said and confirmed His Name with "I Am He", the magnitude of power within Him caused all the soldiers to go backward and fall to the ground. The authority, power, and presence of God embodied Jesus, where the others' authority and power could not withstand against Him. They had no power to take Him unless He allowed them. They had to fall before Him! He voluntarily laid down His life. The crowd was caught off guard by this unusual behavior of Jesus as He calmly faced them, identified Himself, and made no effort to escape. They became afraid of Him!

**18:7** Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. So, Jesus waited till they got themselves together and asks the soldier again "Whom seek ye?" Again they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus' answer didn't change.

**18:8** Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:— "I Am He" is displayed in this passage at least 3times (vv.5, 6, 8). And in this moment of personal crisis, Jesus requests that if you're seeking me, then let the disciples go free.

1. Jesus voluntarily accepts that He must go.
2. Jesus courageously confesses and claims "I Am He."
3. Jesus' miraculous blast of His Words "I Am He" brought them to their knees.

At this moment, He took His disciples' place. He took the lead by offering Himself in their place.

**18:9** That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none. The glorious security of the believer is that Jesus will lose no one whom the Father has given Him.

## III. ACCEPTANCE OF THE FATHER'S WILL JOHN 18:10-13

**18:10** Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. Peter, wanting to show his devotion to Jesus, quickly drew out a sword and started to fight. Peter took his stand in the flesh and proceeded to cut off the ear of the high priest's servant called Malchus. Jesus did not need Peter's protection. He could have summoned more than twelve legions of angels if it had been His desire to be delivered (Matthew 26:32b).

**18:11** Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath:— Jesus rebukes Peter by telling him to put his sword back into his sheath, for Jesus was deliberately giving Himself over to His enemies. Can you see where Peter might have felt shame because He really thought he was helping, but really he was hindering the plan of God? Can you see why later on, the shame and fear took hold of Peter because he knew what he did was wrong, but couldn't seem to get it right until he talked to Jesus, the one he needed the forgiveness of?

**18:11b** ...the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?— Jesus is asking Peter a question about the cup that He must endure, but He's not asking permission to drink it, for He has every right and authority to drink it. Jesus prayed about this cup twice in Matthew 26:39, "If it was possible, He wanted the cup to pass from Him. Then He said Nevertheless, not my will, but as thou wilt!" 42<sup>nd</sup> verse "If the cup may not pass from Him, except He drink it, thy will be done!" Peter has no right to not allow Him to drink it. It was given to Him by His Father. He's painting the picture of what His Father's plan is; what His

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Father has told Him to do. The "cup" symbolized many things: suffering, separation, death, and God's wrath!

- Yes, He will suffer, for His blood is shed for many.
- Separation from the Father while on the cross when He cries out "*Father why have thou forsaken me?*"
- Death was in the cup, and Jesus asks, "shall I not drink it?" Jesus had been preparing His disciples for His death from the very beginning.
- And the great cup or trial Jesus was facing was the great "Wrath of God." God had to judge sin. Sin had to be atoned through only One, and that is, Jesus Christ alone. He is the "*sacrificial Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world*" (John 1:29).

Scripture says in Romans 1:18 "*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.*"

1 Thessalonians 1:10 says "*And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.*"

The moment Jesus died on the cross, the payment of sin was satisfied. Hebrews 9:12 says "*He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.*"

**18:12 Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him,—** The band and the captain and officers (temple police) of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him.

**18:13 And led him away to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year.** And they lead Him away to the house of Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas in that same year. <sup>1</sup>Annas had been the High Priest before Caiaphas. So many Jews considered that he had the same authority still as a High Priest.

## SUMMARY:

After Jesus had finished His prayer, He takes His disciples over the "Brook Cedron or Kidron", where the garden that has olives, the Garden of Gethsemane (18:1). Jesus had gone to the garden (His special place with the Father) many times before to get away from the crowds with His disciples. Judas also knows about this place, had agreed to betray Jesus (18:2). So, Judas takes a large crowd there to arrest Jesus. They came with lanterns and torches, and weapons to arrest Jesus (18:3). **(18:1-3).**

Because Jesus was completely aware of Judas' plan, and knew what was happening, He went out to meet them and asked them "*Whom seek ye?*" (18:4). The soldiers call out His Name "*Jesus of Nazareth*" and Jesus' response is "*I Am He.*" (18:5). As soon as He said and confirmed His Name with "I Am He" the magnitude of power within Him caused all the soldiers to go backward and fall to the ground. (18:6). So,

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.easyenglish.bible/bible-commentary/john-ma-lbw.htm>  
<http://www.pitwm.net/pitwm-versebyverse.html>

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Jesus waited till they got themselves together and asks the soldier again "**Whom seek ye?**" Again they said, "**Jesus of Nazareth**" (18:7). Jesus answered, "**I have told you that I Am He: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way**" (18:8). The glorious security of the believer is that Jesus will lose no one whom the Father has given Him (18:9). **(18:4-9)**.

Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote; cut off the right ear of the high priest's servant named Malchus (18:10). Jesus rebukes Peter by telling him to put his sword back into his sheath, asking that the cup which His Father hath given Him, "**shall I not drink it?**" He's not asking permission to drink it, for He has every right and authority to drink it. It was given to Him by His Father. Peter has no right to not allow Him to drink it. He's painting the picture of what His Father's plan is; what His Father has told Him to do (18:11). The band and the captain and officers (temple police) of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him (18:12) and leads Him away to the house of Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas that same year for a sort of preliminary exam before going before Caiaphas, the High Priest (18:13). **(18:10-13)**.