

Chapter 18- Study Questions

It is in this chapter that the events that lead to Jesus' execution are set into motion. Jesus will be betrayed, arrested, accused and intensely interrogated. As a reader it is our job to see if Jesus was treated fairly. Also, we look for the signs in the story that indicate that Jesus was still in control of the events. One question that might help us understand the events leading up to Jesus' death is, "Why would Jesus endure this unjust treatment?"

1. Did Judas' betrayal of Jesus catch Jesus off guard? (18:4)
2. Although Jesus was being arrested, what is one indication that he still had authority over the entire situation? (18:6)
3. What does Jesus do to keep his word to protect his disciples? (18:8-9)
4. Why does Jesus command Peter to put his sword back into its sheath? (18:11)
5. Peter defends then denies Jesus. (18:10, 17) Do you think Peter's actions seem inconsistent? Do you always do what you know is right?
6. Did Jesus have anything to hide from the Jewish leaders? (18:20)
7. *Do you think* the strike to Jesus' face was warranted? Why or why not? (18:22-23)
8. What was the reason the Jewish leaders brought Jesus to Pilate? (18:31)
9. Does Jesus deny being a king? (18:36-37)
10. What was Jesus' purpose for being born into the world? (18:37)
11. Did Pilate consider Jesus to be guilty? (18:38)
12. Do you think it was just for the Jewish leaders to choose Barabbas over Jesus? (18:40)