

(1) When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

(4) Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground.

(7) So He asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken: "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost not one."

(10) Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?"

(12) So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. First they led Him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

(15) Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter stood outside the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

(19) The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; they know what I said."

(22) When He had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike Me?" Annas then sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

(25) Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man (Malchus) whose ear Peter cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

Think on these things:

- 1) How was Judas able to find Jesus on this night of betrayal (v.2)?
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- 2) Between verses 1-3, something important happened that is not recorded in John. Turn to Matthew 26:36-46. What was Jesus doing in the garden?
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- 3) Some have speculated that Judas turned on Jesus because he realized Jesus' intent was NOT to overthrow the Roman government --- and that Judas wanted to force Jesus' hand! We see that

Peter, the disciple of action, tried to physically fight and defend Jesus (v.10; see also Luke 22:49-51). What did Jesus tell Peter (v.11, see also Matthew 26:52-54)?

- 4) The issue of “who” is the high priest at this time can be confusing. As you look at verses 12-14 and 22-24, is Annas or Caiaphas the high priest? How would you explain the confusion?

- 5) Verse 19 says that Jesus was questioned about His disciples and His teaching. The recorded response is that Jesus says He spoke openly in the temple and synagogues, so why don't they just question those who listened to His teaching? --- How did the guard respond? Was Jesus rudely speaking to the high priest (remember who the high priest is, Q4 above)?

- 6) Verse 15 mentions that “another” disciple -- somehow already known to the high priest family -- was allowed to follow Jesus into the courtyard area. He, then, got Peter inside, too. Who might you guess this other disciple is? Care to speculate how a family from northern Israel could have a close connection with the Jerusalem high priest...?

- 7) What was the weather like this overnight before the crucifixion day (v.18)?

- 8) Peter's three denials are reported in verses 15-18 & 25-27. Jesus told him this would happen (John 13:36-38). Read Luke 22:54-62; how did Peter respond afterward? After Jesus rose from the dead, how did He treat Peter (see John 21:15-19)?

Response? _____

Treatment? _____

People and situations I want to pray for this week: