

Bible Study

The Gospel of John Chapter 18

The Gospel of John Chapter 18 of records the story of Jesus' betrayal, his resulting arrest and trials by Annas and the Roman governor Pilate, and the heartbreaking denials of the Apostle Peter that he knew him.

Your learning comes from reading and studying the Bible.

Day One

1. How did Judas know where to find Jesus?
2. Why did the arrest occur at night outside the city and not while Jesus was at the temple teaching during the day?
3. What does verse 4 tell you about Jesus Christ?

Day Two

1. In verses 5 through 7 Jesus twice asks the mob “who is it you want?” The mob replies both times “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus’ response to both replies was “I am he.” What possible reasons are there for the mob falling back after the first response?
2. What do you think might have been going through the minds of the mob when Jesus asked them a second time “Who is it you want” in verse 7?
3. What scripture is verse 9 referring to and what does it say about Judas Iscariot?

Day Three

1. Why do you think Peter drew his sword and cut off Malchus’ ear?
2. Why when Jesus was arrested might it have been a confusing event for the disciples?

3. Why did Peter follow Jesus and why was that remarkable?

Day Four

1. By reading the following verses, what do we learn about the wrongdoing Jesus was accused to have committed?

- Gospel of John Chapter 18, verses 19-20
- Gospel of Mark Chapter 15, verse 3
- Gospel of Luke Chapter 23, verse 2
- Gospel of Luke Chapter 23, verse 5
- Gospel of Luke Chapter 23, verses 13-14
- Gospel of John Chapter 18, verse 30

2. What do verses 22 and 28 tell us about the Jewish authorities?

3. From reading verses 28 through 31, why did the Jews bring Jesus to Pilate, the Roman Governor?

Day Five

1. Peter faced certain punishment and death if he was to admit Jesus was the Christ. Later in life Peter was crucified for his admission. Today we sometimes act like Peter did and deny Christ. What consequences do we fear for proclaiming Jesus as the Christ and how can we overcome or welcome those consequences?

2. Verse 32 says Jesus prophesied about the kind of death he would die. What verse is it where we see this prophecy recorded?

3. What do we learn about Jesus' kingdom from verses 36 and 37?

Day Six

What do verses 39 and 40 say about the Jews who petitioned Pilate?