

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

JESUS PREPARES FOR HIS DEATH - JOHN 18 : 1-27

BIBLE STUDY



INTRO

Today's study looks at the different ways that Jesus and Peter react as Jesus is placed under arrest and consider what we can learn from what John has highlighted in the passage.



LOOK AT JOHN 18

Read verses 1-11

- What strikes you about Jesus' words and actions in this passage?
- What strikes you about Peter's words and actions?
- Why are they so different?

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Look at verses 5,6 and 8

- What do you think John wants his readers (including us!) to understand about Jesus as he says the words 'I am he'?
(Look at Exodus 3 :14)
- What was the impact on those around him as he said the words (v.5)?

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Read verse 11 again

This is a key verse to think about as Jesus sets out towards his death and worth pondering for a few minutes

What does 'the cup' mean here?

- We know from **Matthew 26 v 39** that Jesus had already prayed to ask for the 'cup' to be taken away from him. The cup was the heavy suffering that he knew was ahead.
- In **Matthew 26 vv 27-28**, Jesus compared the cup of wine in the supper to his blood - signifying a sacrifice - we understand that the cup was therefore a cup of suffering.
- Here, in **John 18 verse 11**, Jesus shows that he understands this 'cup' to be one which his Father has given him – a purpose to fulfil.

Pulling this all together - Jesus is walking purposefully but painfully towards a sacrificial death that has been ordained by his Father God



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Read Isaiah 53 : 4-6 & 10-12

- Why would Jesus go through this suffering willingly?
- Why was it necessary?

Read John 18 : 15-27

Contrast what Peter says in his denial of Jesus, with the way that Jesus responds to Annas.

- What strikes you?
- Why do you think there is such a contrast between their actions in this passage?



How do you think today's Bible passage fits in with John's statement in chapter 20 v 31?

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**CONSIDERING WHAT
WE HAVE LEARNED TODAY
THINK AND PRAY:**

- **What does it mean to have life in Jesus' name?**
- **What does a response to belief in Jesus look like?**

