

John 18

In 2 Samuel 15, we see King David leave Jerusalem because of Absalom, but in 2 Kings 19 we see him returning to take his place on the throne

We know from the other gospels about the ordeal in the Garden of Gethsemene , where He struggles the what is to happen. Not really the physical but the reality of taking the sin of the world upon Himself.

v.3 referred elsewhere as a band or about 500 soldiers, they were undoubtedly expecting problems and resistance

v.4 **Whom are you seeking ? Jesus still confronting men with what is you want from me.**

- was there a difference in the way that they asked the second time ?

v.6 some would use this as a proof text for being slain in the Spirit but this is an instance of non- believers reaction

v.10 Peter is truly ready to die here with Jesus

- Luke tells us that Jesus proceeds to heal the servants ear

- does this instance cause Peter's faith to waver? Perhaps he feels that Jesus is not the Messiah that he had hoped for

v.11 Jesus submitted to the will of the Father even unto death

Why was no one else arrested ? Jesus in control, He told them to let everyone else go in verse 8

v.13 Although Caiaphas is high priest, Annas is also referred to as high priest in verse 19

- the high priest's position was supposed to be for life but it had become a political benefit

- Annas had been high priest for 6 or 7 years but succeeded by 5 sons, his son in law Caiaphas, and one grandson

v.19-24 What was one of the things that they always accused Jesus of doing ? Breaking the Sabbath law. The Sanhedrin was not allowed to meet on the Sabbath or feast days. It was not allowed to meet at night. A death sentence could not be handed down until the next day, so they could meet on no capital offence on the eve of a holiday. This was a blatantly illegal trial.

Peter- steps to denial

v.10-11 perhaps Peter was discouraged because Jesus was not being the Messiah that Peter had hoped for

- 1) from other gospels- he was sleeping when he should have been praying
- 2) he followed Jesus at a distance
- 3) he sought comfort at the enemy's camp- Psalm 1
- 4) denial

v.28 irony of the fact that they were killing the Son of God but didn't want to defile themselves with Gentiles

- the Jews had condemned Him in Mark 14

Pilate tried to walk the fence- Pilate's wife's counsel in Matthew 27- Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him

Jesus confronts Pilate the same as anyone else with the claims of the gospel

v.39 Josephus tells us that Barabbas full name is Jesus Barabbas (son of the Father), who was in prison waiting execution for insurrection, trying to violently overthrow the government and become the leader or messiah.

What Pilate was asking was which Jesus, son of the father, messiah do you want ? Obviously they chose unwisely (Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade)

All about choices

- Judas
- from Matthew; all the disciples fled
- soldiers
- Caiaphas, Annas
- Pilate
- Pilate's wife
- Peter

See 1 Peter 2:18-25 for what Peter learned