

7. Explain in your own words what Jesus says about ...

His Kingdom (18:33-36)

His mission (18:37)

Power (19:10-11)

8. What impressions do you get of Jesus from His behavior in 18:1-19:16? What details give you these impressions?

How can Jesus' attitude and behavior in His arrest and trials be a model for you in your circumstances?

Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

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Pray for partners in funding as the Rayo family transitions to a Hispanic church in Delavan, WI

Sermon Notes

"Trials and Traitors"
John 18:1 – 19:16
November 13, 2016

Introduction:

1. The _____ of his _____.
(18:9, 32)

2. The _____ of his _____.
(18:8, 20-23, 33-37; 19:10-11)

3. The _____ of his _____.
(18:8, 14, 39-40)

Conclusion:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 11-13-16

Questions adapted from Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., *John: Life Change Series*, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, pp. 169-80; Jim Petersen, *Living Proof*, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1989, pp. 244-45; James Galvin, ed., et al., *New Testament Lesson Maker*, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 177-78.

Getting Started:

1. How would you feel if you were arrested and accused of being a political criminal? What would you do?

Digging Deeper:

2. As a group, read John 18:1 – 19:16 aloud. When studying biblical narratives, it is helpful to read imaginatively so you might “see” and “feel” each scene. Try assigning the various roles in this drama (including the narrator) to different group members. Let the whole group read the lines of the Jews. This exercise will likely require reading from the same translation, so share Bibles if necessary. Afterward, share what you observed during this reading.
3. New Testament writers usually use the phrase “so that the words ... would be fulfilled” of Old Testament Scripture. John does so frequently (John 12:38, 13:18, 15:25, 17:12, 19:24, and 19:36). What does it say about Jesus that John uses this phrase in 18:9 of the fulfillment of Jesus’ words in 6:39 and 17:12?

4. What do you make of Peter’s behavior? In 18:10, armed with a dagger, he attacks a band of soldiers. A few minutes later he is defeated when a young girl merely asks him a question. How would you explain his going from courage to cowardice so quickly?

Under what circumstances might you be tempted to deny knowing Jesus?

5. What do you make of Pilate’s question, “What is truth?” (John 18:38)? Why do you think he asked it?

How would you answer that question?

6. Jesus knew that it was necessary for Him to die by crucifixion (a uniquely Roman means of execution), not stoning (the typical Jewish form of execution). Note how many times Jesus predicted this in advance (John 3:14; 8:28; 12:32-34), and how the interplay between Pilate and the religious leaders led to this result (John 18:31-32). Why was it necessary for him to die on a cross? See Galatians 3:13; Ps. 22:16; Isa. 53:5.