

Going Deeper: John 18:1-11 - Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

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Day 1

Read John 18:1-11 at once. Today our focus is the betrayal and arrest of our Lord. What observations can you make? What is the significance of passage of Scripture? Spend time praying to the Lord today, and prepare yourself for the week ahead. Give prayer to what's coming as the arrest leads to the eventual trial, crucifixion, and resurrection of our Lord.

Day 2

Read John 18:1. We are reminded that Jesus had just spoken from John 17. John 17 is one of the most important chapters and prayers in the Holy Scriptures. Go back and surface read and review John 17. Now seeing what Jesus is facing, why do these words have even more significance? Make three observations about John 17 considering John 18.

Day 3

Read John 18:2-4. Today we see the sin and betrayal of Judas on display, sadly. Throughout the Gospels, this moment of betrayal was foreshadowed. This is a sad culmination of a disciple who was called and lived three years with our Lord. Today, read 1 John 2:19. How does this relate and speak to this sad moment? Pray for all those who know Jesus but who aren't saved and eventually will betray the loyalty of our Lord.

Day 4

Read John 18:4-8. Jesus twice asks, "Whom do you seek?" He forces the soldiers to let the disciples go. He says these words "I am He." Today, read these passages: John 8:28, 8:58, 6:35, 10:7,9, 11:14 and 11:25. What is the significance of our Lord's Words?

Day 5

Read John 18:9. These really are such glorious words of assurance that we need to hear and understand. Here, our Lord is fulfilling what he spoke of earlier (read John 6:39-44, 10:28 and 17:12). All believers are weak and vulnerable if not protected by the Lord. Today read Romans 8:35-39. Rejoice in the truths of eternal assurance of the

believer. Let us worship our King for His unfailing love even though we fail so many times.

Day 6

Read John 18:10–11. Here we observe Peter doing what he seems to have done so often in his rash and impetuous responses. Why did Jesus command Peter to put his sword away? What is the significance of our Lord's words, "Shall I not drink the cup My Father has given me?" What is this cup? Of most significance, what does Jesus taking this cup mean to you today? Rejoice in the love that our Lord is demonstrating by intentionally taking this cup for you and me! Let us rejoice!