

John 18:1-9

John 18:1-3 *“(1) When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples. (2) And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples. (3) Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.”*

- A. Jesus entered into the garden of Gethsemane (**Matthew 26:36** and **Mark 14:32**).
 - 1. This was located in the Mount of Olives (**Mark 14:26-32** and **Luke 22:39**).
 - 2. The eleven disciples were with Him, but we also know that Jesus took Peter, James, and John aside (**Matthew 26:37**; cf. **Matthew 4:21**).
- B. Judas knew where to find Jesus, for this was a common place for our Lord to reside (**Luke 21:37**).
 - 1. Judas guided (**Acts 1:16**) a great multitude of armed men to take Jesus into custody (**Matthew 26:47**).
 - 2. This arrest is fitting for criminals (**Matthew 26:55** and **Mark 14:48**), but the Son of God had done nothing to deserve this (**I Peter 2:21-23**).
 - 3. The chief priests and Pharisees authorized this arrest as they’ve been looking to take Jesus (**Luke 19:47** and **John 11:57**).

John 18:4-6 *“(4) Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? (5) They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. (6) As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.”*

- A. Jesus knew what was coming and not just because “the writing was on the wall” (**Matthew 16:21**, **Matthew 20:18**, **Mark 8:31**, **Mark 10:33-34**, **Luke 9:22**, and **Luke 24:6-7**; cf. **John 2:24-25**).
 - 1. When it was not His time (**John 7:8**, **John 7:30**, and **John 8:20**), Jesus kept from being captured (**John 7:1**).
 - 2. Now, it is His time, and He is boldly ready to die (**John 13:1-3**; cf. **Proverbs 28:1**).
 - 3. We must remember that all of these things occurred in accordance with God’s will (**Acts 2:22-23**).
- B. They were seeking Jesus of Nazareth (**Matthew 2:19-23** and **Matthew 21:11**).
 - 1. Jesus confessed, “I am He” (**II Timothy 2:13**).
 - 2. The response Jesus gave caused them to fall backwards (cf. **Psalms 27:1-3**).

John 18:7-9 *“(7) Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. (8) Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way: (9) That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.”*

- A. Jesus wanted the eleven disciples with Him to be set free (**John 10:27-29**).
 - 1. Jesus did not need the company of man, for He was not alone (**John 8:16, John 8:28-29, and John 16:32**; cf. **Psalms 37:25** and **Hebrews 13:5-6**).
 - 2. The time to suffer, for the sake of Christ, was to come later for the Apostles (**John 15:19-21, John 16:1-4, Acts 5:18, Acts 5:40-42, Acts 12:1-4, II Corinthians 11:25-29, and I Thessalonians 2:14-16**).
- B. In fulfilling His own words, Jesus did not lose any of the disciples (**John 17:12**).
 - 1. Had the Apostles been killed with Jesus, the Gospel would not have been preached (**Mark 16:14-16**) in the whole world (**Colossians 1:23**).
 - a. Without the Gospel being preached, mankind could not be saved (**Romans 1:16, Romans 10:13-17, and Ephesians 1:13**).
 - b. We need to be thankful that the Gospel cannot be silenced (**II Timothy 2:8-9 and I Peter 1:23-25**).
 - 2. Had the Apostles been killed with Jesus, the foundation of the church would not have been properly laid (**Ephesians 2:20-22**).
 - a. When there is not a solid foundation supporting something, it falls (**Matthew 7:26-27**).
 - b. Without the church, there'd be no salvation (**Acts 2:47 and Ephesians 5:23**).
 - c. We need to be thankful that we are built upon a foundation that is of God (**II Timothy 2:19**).