

JOHN 18 Study (NLT) "KING" July 4, 2010

MAIN POINT: The rulers of this world plot and kill their God and king.

• 18:1-3 **Last time in the Garden.** Jesus had now finished his teaching recorded in the gospels. The last teaching was in the form of a prayer, which John wrote down as the Master prayed. Now the Master goes to fulfill his purpose for coming among us. He crosses the _____ valley and the Kidron brook and enters a garden - a grove of _____

trees. _____. The betrayer knew this place because Jesus had gone there _____ times with his disciples. The spiritual leaders of Israel, the leading _____ and _____ had sent a _____ of soldiers to capture this dangerous man. In the dark of night they came with blazing _____ and lanterns, and _____. Jesus fully _____ what all was going to happen to him.

• 18:4-9 **His passion begins.** Jesus _____ forward to meet them saying, "_____ are you looking for?" They said, "Jesus of _____." Jesus said, "_____ he." He was the I AM in human flesh. His speaking was a word of power—it caused them all to _____. A second time he made them say who they were searching for. Then he assures them that he is the one they want so that they will consent to let the _____ go. He did this to fulfill Scripture, "*I have not _____ a _____ one of those you (Father) _____ me.*" Peter drew a sword and slashed off the right _____ of _____, the high priest's servant. Jesus tells Peter to put away his sword saying, "*Shall I not drink from the _____ the Father has given me?*"

• 18:4 **THE CUP.** Jesus was not a victim. He deliberately placed Himself in the hands of those who would nail Him to the cross. *John 1:29* The need for His sacrifice for sin was seen before the creation of the universe. *Ephesians 1:4-8* Jesus repeatedly told His disciples He was going to die for them. *Matthew 16:21* Jesus could have walked away at any time or come down from the cross. *John 19:11* When Peter tried to defend Him with the sword, Jesus said, "*Shall I not drink from the cup My Father has given to Me?*"

• 18:12-14 **Better that one dies for all than all die.** The soldiers _____ him up and took Jesus to _____, who was the father-in-law of _____ who was the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who justified their killing of Jesus as a possible revolutionary who would bring the ire of the Romans down on them saying, "*Better that _____ should die for _____.*" ...which is exactly what Jesus was doing.

• 18:15-17 **Fearful Peter denies Christ.** Peter had followed along. However, he was not allowed through the _____ until the _____ disciple (John) who was acquainted with the _____ let him in. The _____ watching the gate asks Peter if he is not one of Jesus' _____. Peter says, "_____, I am _____! Peter joined some soldiers standing around a _____ fire because the night was _____

• 18:19-24 **Intimidation.** Jesus stands before the _____ who began questioning Jesus about his _____ and what he was _____ them. Jesus replied that his teaching was widely _____ -- it was public knowledge because he had commonly spoken in the _____ and the _____. Jesus suggests that if they are choosing not to believe him, they should ask someone from the crowds of people who had _____ him. One of temple guards considers this impertinent and _____ Jesus in the face, asking "Is that any way to answer the high priest? Jesus says they need to get real _____ that he lies. Then Annas sent him to _____,

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the high priest. Peter two times more denies that he was one of Jesus' _____ and immediately the _____ crowded.

• 18:28-37 **King of the Jews.** The trial before Caiaphas ended in the _____ hours of the morning. Though their law forbade trials being held at night, Caiaphas tried him in the dark hours of the night - hidden from the eyes of the public — common behavior among politicians. The priests had decided to put their God to death. However, the power to execute was held by the _____, occupiers of Israel. So Jesus is delivered to _____, the Roman governor. Pilate asks what their charges are. They say in effect "trust us"... if he weren't a _____ we wouldn't have brought him to you. Being executed by the Romans fulfilled Jesus' prediction of the way he would _____— death by being lifted up, nailed to a cross. (John 12:32-33) The Jews would only meet with Pilate outside because it would _____ them by being in a gentile's residence.

18:28 **EARLY HOURS.** The illegal trial of an innocent man. The Jewish leaders were determined to put an end to Jesus. The broke about 37 of their laws to get Him. One law was that trials had to be during the day. This one was held all night. Secondly, in any court of law, there has to be charges made against the defendant. They had none. 18: 29-30

18:28 **DEFILE:** Jesus said that people are not defiled by what they eat, customs and manners, but by being bad people—harming others. "*Anything you eat passes through the body and then comes out of the body. But evil words come from an evil heart and defile the person who says them. For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all other sexual immorality, theft, lying and slander. These are what defile you. Eating with unwashed hands could never defile you and make you unacceptable to God.*" Matthew 15:16-20 To lie, to seek to kill a righteous person, greed, prideful ambition, ruthlessness - these defile.

18:32 **PREDICTION.** Psalm 22 is a prophetic psalm speaking about the Messiah's sacrificial death. It starts with the words Jesus chooses to use on the cross identifying this Psalm as referring to him. "*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*" It goes on ... "*My enemies surround me like a pack of dogs. An evil gang closes in on me. They have pierced my hands and feet. I can count every bone in my body. My enemies stare at me and gloat. They divide my clothes among themselves and throw dice for my garments.*" 22:16-18 The Jews executed by stoning. The Romans executed by crucifixion, which involved bloodletting caused by the piercing of the flesh with nails. The blood of sacrificial animals was released by piercing with knives. Jesus is the Lamb of God. Hebrews 9:12, 22

• 18:33-37 **King of the Jews - the truthful king.** Pilate asks for Jesus to be brought to _____ so he could question him. He asked if he was the _____ of the _____. Jesus asked Pilate if this were _____ own question or was it something _____ had talked to him about. Pilate asked this question because it seemed to be what the Jewish rulers were accusing him of. He says, "Am I a _____?" This seemed to be a religious issue and not cause for death. He asks Jesus, "What have you _____ (that I would consider a criminal act). Jesus responds that he is not an _____ king --- his kingdom is not of this _____. That's why his _____ did not fight

when the Jews arrested him. Pilate says, "You are really a _____ then? Jesus says that he was _____ into this world for the _____ of becoming its king -- replacing the rule of prince Satan -- and being restored to his place before the fall as "King of kings and Lord of lords." Jesus adds, "And I came to bring _____ to the world. All who _____ the truth recognize that what I say is _____." Pilate, cynical about the lies that men call truth, responds "_____ is truth?"

18:36 **KINGDOM.** The Kingdom of Heaven is not an earthly political kingdom. It is the rule of Christ in the hearts of Christians. As part of Christ's rule in us, we work to establish the love and ways of God in our homes and communities. The powers of the Kingdom of God, such as healing, are already operational, in part to enable us to draw the lost children of God into His kingdom. However, we are commanded to be obedient to our earthly leaders. *Romans 13:1*
Acts 4:19

• 18:39-40 **Barabbas.** Pilate tries to save Jesus by bringing up a custom at _____ to show mercy to a criminal and _____ him. He tells the mob arranged by the priests that he will release the King of the Jews if you _____ me to." The mob instead called for the release of _____.

What Does This Scripture Say To You? _____