

“Ask Those Who Have Heard...”

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John 17:24 Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

John 17:25 ¶ "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me.

John 17:26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."



John 18:1 ¶ After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.



John 18:2 Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples.

John 18:3 So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.



Soldiers – Roman (battalion, cohort)

Police – Chief Priests & Pharisees

Judas – a Disciple



John 18:4 Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, “Whom are you looking for?”

John 18:5 They answered, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus replied, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.

John 18:6 When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they stepped back and fell to the ground.



Psa. 56:8 ¶ You have kept count of my tossings;

put my tears in your bottle.

Are they not in your record?

Psa. 56:9 Then my enemies will retreat

in the day when I call.

This I know, that God is for me.



John 18:7 Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

John 18:8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go."



John 18:9 This was to fulfill the word
that he had spoken, "I did not lose
a single one of those whom you
gave me."



John 18:10 Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus.

John 18:11 Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"



John 18:12 ¶ So the soldiers, their
officer, and the Jewish police
arrested Jesus and bound him.



John 10:17 For this reason the Father loves me,
because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

John 10:18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down
of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I
have power to take it up again. I have received this
command from my Father.”



John 18:13 First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year.

John 18:14 Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.



John 18:24 Then Annas sent him
bound to Caiaphas the high priest.



John 18:15 ¶ Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest,

John 18:16 but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in.



John 18:17 The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

John 18:18 Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.



John 18:19 ¶ Then the high priest
questioned Jesus about his
disciples and about his teaching.



1. No capital trial was to be held at night.

2. Nor on the eve of a holy day.

3. It doesn't have the minimal attendance of the council.

4. It is in an irregular location.

5. They don't call for any defense witnesses.

6. A Jewish judge would not question the accused.



1. They were to question witnesses.
2. Then once two agreed on all the essentials - What septennate, what year, what month, what day of the month, what day of the week, what time, what place?
3. Only then, could judgment be pronounced as guilty.
4. The Accused testimony mattered not at all.



John 18:20 Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret.

John 18:21 Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said."



John 18:22 When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?"

John 18:23 Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?"



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