



Garden of Grace

“Life in His Name” Series

John 18:1-12, p.904

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Introduction

In this passage God shows his power and purposes at the arrest in the garden and over his people, the church.

The Text: John 18:1-12

- 1) The account of Jesus’ arrest helps us see the importance of Jesus in the biblical story (vv. 1-2).
 - 2) God is always in complete and purposeful control (vv. 3-9).
 - 3) Jesus’ rebuke of Peter is a warning that we too must trust in God’s power and purposes (vv. 10-12).
- *Have you entrusted your spiritual life to the saving work of Jesus Christ?*
 - *Have you entrusted your daily life to the power and purposes of God?*

Response

Trust in the power and purposes of God, no matter how things may first appear.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Starter Question: When did something difficult occur in your life that made it hard to trust in God?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Why do you think v. 1 would name the brook or creek (“Kidron”) but not the garden, especially when in Mathew 26:36 we are told it is called “Gethsemane”?
- 4) The “band of soldiers” in v. 3 would have been made up of 200 to 600 men, not to mention religious leaders, all with torches and weapons. If you were a disciple with Jesus, how would you have handled that moment?
- 5) Why is it significant that the narrator explains to the reader in v. 4 that Jesus knew “all that would happen to him?”
- 6) How do you explain the fearful and worshipful reaction of the crowd of soldiers and religious leaders to Jesus in v. 6?
- 7) Why was Peter’s response to the arrest of Jesus wrong, according to vv. 10-11?
- 8) What do Jesus’ words in v. 11 mean: “shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?”
- 9) How does this text teach us about the sovereign control of God over all things?
- 10) What can we do or learn to help us trust in the sovereign control of God when things go bad?

Further study this week: Matthew 26:36-56 on Jesus’ arrest according to Matthew (Mon); Mark 14:32-50 on Jesus’ arrest according to Mark (Tues); Luke 22:39-53 on Jesus’ arrest according to Luke (Wed); 2 Corinthians 4:7-18 on dealing with suffering (Thurs); Habakkuk 3:17-19 on trusting on God in our suffering (Fri).