

## John 18 - “The Time Has Come”

This chapter helps us to see that there is an ultimate purpose to every life. As we model after Jesus in our daily walk, we should look at life in the stages that He lived His life and ministry – recall:

1. **P**reparation
2. **O**bscurity
3. **P**opularity
4. **O**pposition
5. **P**ersecution
6. **P**assion
7. **P**OWER (Resurrection – **Romans 8:11**)



We can expect that our lives will take a similar path of preparation, obscurity (nobody knows who you are), and popularity (you are being productive and known in some measure for what you do). It is also reasonable to assume that you will face opposition for being productive in your life purpose and calling. Opposition then turns into persecution because when you are effective at what you are REALLY CALLED TO DO, you will be a threat to the kingdom of darkness. Persecution will come (expect it). Prepare for it. After we have lived out our purpose in life, we get to understand the whole idea of passion. Jesus came to save souls and cultivate them for the Kingdom of God. The resurrection then gives us so much hope. Jesus wins. His life was NOT for nothing. It was for EVERYTHING (everything that matters both now and forever). The fruit of His life manifested in the resurrection. He overcame death and so will we who live in Him.

### Romans 8:11

*“<sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”*

**APP:** Where are you in the 7 stages of Jesus’ journey in your own life? Are you still in preparation for your mission or begun living out your purpose in obscurity or in popularity? Has opposition come to you because you are following the path that has been designed for your life? What about persecution? Have you solidified your “passion,” and have you experienced power in pursuing that purpose? **JESUS IS REAL!**

## John 18 - Betrayal and Arrest in Gethsemane

<sup>18:1</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. <sup>2</sup> And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples. <sup>3</sup> Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

<sup>4</sup> **Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him,** went forward and said to them, “Whom are you seeking?”

Look who came to persecute Jesus. His own! The ones He came from.

<sup>5</sup> They answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.”

Jesus said to them, “I am He.” **And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them.** <sup>6</sup> Now when He said to them, “I am He,” they drew back and fell to the ground.

Imagine, this action indicating His power as King to subject them to Him.

<sup>7</sup> Then He asked them again, “Whom are you seeking?”

And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.”

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, “I have told you that I am *He*. Therefore, **if you seek Me, let these go their way,**” <sup>9</sup> **that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, “Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none.”**

Remember - **John 17:12**

<sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, **having a sword,** drew it and struck the high priest’s servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant’s name was Malchus.

Helps us get a picture of what kind of person Simon Peter was.

<sup>11</sup> **So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?”**

So many seek to avoid this part of the ministry of Jesus. We want the power of His resurrection but without the fellowship of His sufferings (**Philippians 3:10**). Imagine if we could “repackage – reimage – reframe” our suffering to be somehow aligned with Jesus? How would that change your thoughts?

### Before the High Priest

<sup>12</sup> Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus **and bound Him.** <sup>13</sup> And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

Irony – those He came to “loose” – bound Him. Those who He came to set free, captured Him.

## Peter Denies Jesus

Notice - everybody didn't!

<sup>15</sup> **And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so *did* another disciple.** Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. <sup>16</sup> **But Peter stood at the door outside.** Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup> **Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, “You are not also *one of this Man’s disciples, are you?*”**

He said, **“I am not.”**

<sup>18</sup> Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself.

## Jesus Questioned by the High Priest

<sup>19</sup> The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine.

<sup>20</sup> Jesus answered him, “I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing.” <sup>21</sup> Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said.”

<sup>22</sup> And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, “Do You answer the high priest like that?”

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, “If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?”

<sup>24</sup> Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

## Peter Denies Twice More

<sup>25</sup> Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore, they said to him, “You are not also *one of His disciples, are you?*”

He denied *it* and said, **“I am not!”** Peter denies 3 times!

<sup>26</sup> One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of *him* whose ear Peter cut off, said, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?” <sup>27</sup> Peter then denied again, and immediately a rooster crowed.

## In Pilate's Court

Making this a state crime

Residence of the Roman Governor

<sup>28</sup> Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to **the Praetorium**, and it was early morning. **But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover.**

<sup>29</sup> **Pilate** then went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?" *Note the hypocrisy!*

<sup>30</sup> They answered and said to him, "If He were not an **evildoer**, we would not have delivered Him up to you."

<sup>31</sup> **Then Pilate said to them, "You take Him and judge Him according to your law."**

**Therefore, the Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death,"** <sup>32</sup> that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die.

*They did not want Him punished. They wanted Him dead.*

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, **"Are You the King of the Jews?"** *Prophetic – sarcasm!*

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?" *Notice Jesus' answers were not very humble. He actually was the King they were making fun of.*

<sup>35</sup> **Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?"** *"Let's stop beating around the bush!"*

<sup>36</sup> **Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world.** If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." *Jesus enlightening Pilate to His whole mission – almost as if trying to evangelize Pilate.???*

<sup>37</sup> Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?"

**Jesus answered, "You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."**

<sup>38</sup> Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all."

*Apologetics: Pilate is asking a question that needs to be answered (1 Peter 3:15 – "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;")*

## Taking the Place of Barabbas

<sup>39</sup> "But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

<sup>40</sup> Then they all cried again, saying, **"Not this Man, but Barabbas!"** *Now Barabbas was a robber."*

**APP:** The time has come in our lives to recognize that this is no longer a children's Sunday School story to teach. It is a reality that calls us into duty to receive this great salvation provided us and live out the purpose for which it was provided and our purpose inside of His story. What are we waiting for?