

Jesus Arrested in Gethsemane

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Passage: John 18:1-11 (**Leaders' Note:** Using other accounts of Jesus' arrest can be helpful for these questions, such as Matthew 26:47-56, Mark 14:43-51, Luke 22:47-53.)

Main Point: Jesus so loved the Father that he trusted in His plan and allowed himself to be arrested.

Case Study:

Have you ever been strongly accused of something you did not do? How did you respond to your accusers? Have you ever had a chance to stand up for someone else in this situation?

The Word:

1. Why did Jesus allow himself to be arrested? (v.18:4) (Note: Mark 8:31-33, 9:30-32, 10:32-34).
2. When Jesus told the soldiers who he was, how did they respond? Why might they have responded this way? (v. 18:4-9)
3. What did Peter do when the soldiers arrested Jesus? How did Jesus respond? (v. 18:10-11)

The World:

1. Judas betrayed Jesus by handing him over to the authorities. How have other people betrayed Jesus throughout history? (v. 18:1-4)
2. What accusations does the world bring against Jesus and his followers today? (Note: Consider reading John 15:18-21).
3. How does Jesus say to respond to people who lie about you? (v. 18:10-11) (Note: Consider reading Matthew 5:11-12 and 5:38-42).

The Application:

1. Have you ever stood firm in faith in the face of persecution? What was it like? (18:4-6)
2. What does it say about Christ's love for you that He willingly gave Himself over to suffering? How ought you to respond to Him in light of this?
3. What can you do to show that you trust God's plan in your life?

<u>What Questions do I have for my Family Group?</u>	<u>Key Cross References:</u>
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How to use this guide:

- **Study and discuss the passage**, not necessarily the outline of the sermon
- Don't feel pressure to ask all the questions, use your discernment based on time and needs of the group
- Engage the mind with good doctrine and move to the heart pushing toward application (A Key diagnostic for the leader to discern the health of his group is to listen "heart" conversation.