

August 20, 2023

This is the Plan

John 18:1-12

Chapter 18 marks the beginning of another section of John's gospel. It is the beginning of the Passion narrative. The hour, first mentioned in 2:4, begins here and reaches its climax in chapter 19. John makes it clear throughout this section Jesus is not a victim. Jesus chooses His actions and the cross purposefully. Jesus is sovereignly in control over all that happens.

Additional Verses:

Genesis 1-3

Jeremiah 25:15-28

Matthew 8:20

Outline:

1. Jesus' sovereignty over His location.

2. Jesus' sovereignty over His apprehension.

3. Jesus' sovereignty over His crucifixion.

Study Questions:

1. Why does it matter that Jesus is in control of these events?

2. What is the importance of both temple guards and soldiers arresting Jesus? What was the motives behind each group? What implications does John 3:16 have on His arrest?

3. Why do the guards fall down when Jesus identifies Himself? How does this demonstrate His sovereignty over His arrest?

4. What does a cup symbolize in the Old Testament? Why does Jesus refer to what is happening as drinking from a cup? What does this tell us about the crucifixion?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?