

**September 3, 2023**

Shunned

John 18:12-27

Jesus' arrest in the garden, is the first of a chain of events. As the events unfold it is apparent Jesus is shunned. None of the people around Jesus want to be associated with Jesus. It is not only those who are opposed to Jesus, even His disciples shun Him.

**Additional Verses:**

Deuteronomy 19:15

Isaiah 53:1-3

Psalm 1

Ezekiel 33:7-9

**Outline:**

1. The humiliation of Jesus by the guards.

2. The denial of Jesus by Peter.

- Be aware that silence can be denial.

- Be aware of the speed of denial.

- Be aware of the power of the small moments.

**Study Questions:**

1. What key words does John use to set the scene of John 18? What theological truths do these words convey? How do they describe the people in this passage?

2. What message do the authorities convey in Jesus' arrest? Why was He arrested in this manner?

3. What warnings does about denial are in this passage? Describe a time when you didn't heed these warnings? What did you learn from that time?

4. Why was it easy for Peter to deny Jesus? Why is this not the end for Peter? How do we see the Gospel in Peter's story?

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