

HENDERSON, NEBRASKA
[**THE BOOK OF JOHN**]
Sunday, March 8, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
Third Sunday of Lent

D W E L L I N G I N
DISSONANCE

As we gather today, we acknowledge that we all have moments of courage and fear, self-protection and solidarity with others, compassion and denial. This week puts us firmly in the dissonance that Jesus, the disciples, and we experience.

Prelude Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist
"Jesus Messiah"
"How Deep the Father's Love"
"I Believe"

"O Come to the Alter" Worship Band
Jay & Marilyn Kroeker, Bennett Friesen, Logan Bechtel,
Braden Janzen, Connie Bechtel, Lindy Siebert,
Ashton Brown, Kara Janzen, Amanda Goertzen, Mary Dente

Welcome & Call to Worship Pastor Andrea Wall
(Congregation read bold print)
One: *Confident, hesitant, maybe just tired.*
All: We come to worship.
One: *Wanting to follow but not always sure how.
Embarrassed by the ways we've fallen short.*
All: We come anyway.
One: *Seeking, hurting, longing, needing.*
All: We come.
One: *When hopes are high, and dreams are bright.
When hopes are dashed, and the world is not all right.*
All: We come again. We keep coming.
Ready or not. Here we are.
All: Come, Jesus. Come and meet us.

* "God of our strength" HWB 36
(Children are invited to come forward on stanza 4)

Children's Focus Connie Bechtel

* "Don't be afraid" STJ 105

Congregational Prayer Laura Steingard

"Lord I Need You" Worship Band

Scripture Reading: John 18:12-27 Pastor J Epp
Leader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Message "The Two Sides of a Coin" Pastor J Epp

* "There's a wideness in God's mercy" HWB 145

Mission Moment: Hillary Bechtel, Central Plains Mennonite
Conference, Ecuador Trip: March 12-23

Announcements Pastor Andrea Wall
Offering to God Pastor Andrea Wall
*(Children may bring forward their "My Coins Count" offerings,
as well as collect them from the congregation and place
them in the copper bowl at the front of the church.)*

Offertory Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist

* Benediction Pastor J Epp

* "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Worship Band

** If you are able, you are invited to stand.*

All are invited to participate in the Christian Education Hour
and to stop by the Coffee Spot in the Fellowship Hall.

Please join us for our monthly Potluck in the Fellowship Hall
following the Sunday School Hour.

John 18:12-27

Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it would be good if one man died for the people.

Peter's First Denial

Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in.

"You aren't one of this man's disciples too, are you?" she asked Peter.

He replied, "I am not."

It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself.

The High Priest Questions Jesus

Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus

about his disciples and his teaching.

"I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said."

When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby slapped him in the face. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" he demanded.

If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "testify as to what is wrong. But if you spoke the truth, why did you strike me? Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Peter's Second and Third Denials

Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, "you aren't one of his disciples too, are you?"

He denied it, saying, "I am not."

One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the garden?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.



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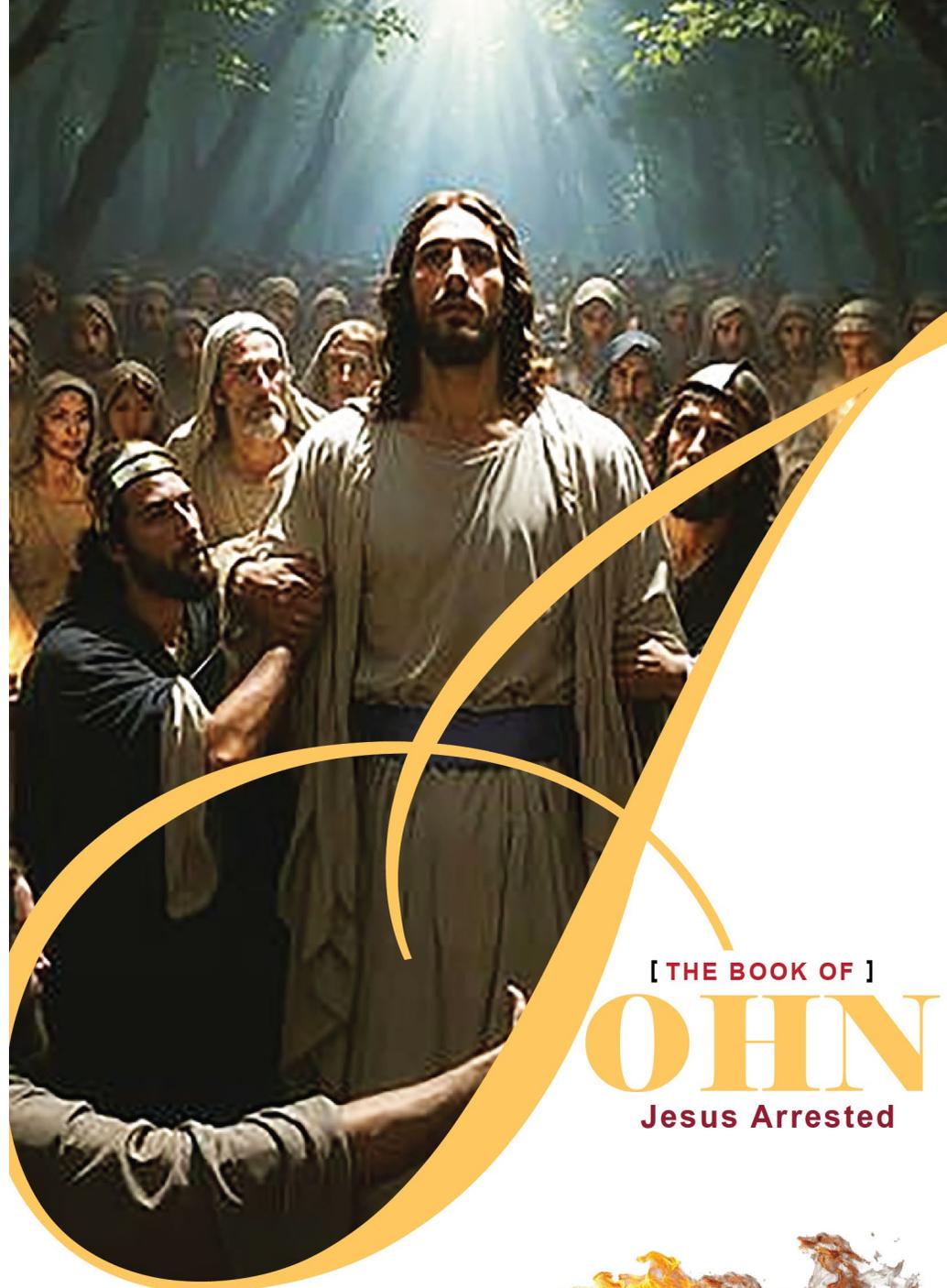
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