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Faithfulness in Trial John 18:12-27

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## John's Emphasis in the Passion Narrative

Jesus is in perfect control the entire time

Jesus is willingly giving Himself as a <u>substitute for our sins</u>

## **Anatomy of a False Trial**

Under Jewish Old Testament Law, 2-3 <u>witnesses</u> are needed to establish a case

Trials were <u>communal activities</u>, held in the public square in the day

A central feature was the <u>assumption of innocence</u> on the part of the accused

Annas: High Priest from AD 5-15; Caiaphas: High Priest from AD 18-36

Key Insight: John's purpose in writing as he does is that we would compare and contrast Peter's <u>faithlessness</u> with Jesus' <u>faithfulness</u>

#### **Peter Under Trial**

Peter folds, denying association with Jesus, at a young woman's' query Peter is the epitome of the willpower of man

Faithfulness is easy for us when the surroundings are friendly

\* Do our words and/or actions in the world declare to others our faith in Jesus?

### Jesus Under Trial

Jesus ignores Annas' question about His disciples continuing to <u>protect them</u>

Jesus' Three Faithful Actions Under Trial

- Jesus faces trials standing on the truth of God's Word
- Jesus faces trials with integrity and confidence before God and men
- Jesus faces trial with conviction in the plans and purposes of God

# Peter's Denials as Windows to our own Souls

Sin begets more sin

We too are weak, without Jesus we are nothing

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