

June 8, 2025

Jesus is Arrested, Tried, and Sentenced
John 18:1-19:16

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Overview:

- Jesus steps forward and is arrested. John 18:1-11
- Jesus is denied, abandoned, and wrongfully tried. John 18:12-27
- Jesus stands before Pilate and is sentenced to die. John 18:28-19:16

In Jesus’ lowest moment, what do we learn?

_____ and _____ are ours to carry—unless we _____ the _____.

John 8:21-38; 2 Cor. 5:16-21; Gal. 3:10-14

Jesus’ kingdom is not something _____
_____—it’s something _____.

Matt. 3:2; 5:3; 4:17; Mark 1:15; Luke 12:32; 18:17

The Holy Spirit _____ who Jesus is—our task is to _____ and _____.

John 15:26-27; 1 John 4:7-5:5

TALK IT OVER

Because we believe that sharing our ideas and beliefs enhances our spiritual growth in ways teaching alone cannot, we encourage you to join a small group at Sunridge and discuss some of the following questions.

What stood out most in the message to you regarding something that you learned, challenged you, or with which you disagreed? And, in what ways can you see these truths being lived out in your relationships and life this week?

Reread John 18:10-11; 15-18; 25-27. Imagine if you were Peter, reading the Gospel of John and seeing some of your greatest failures preserved for all of time. How do you think that would impact you? What does it say about grace that these moments are remembered, not erased?

Our ego is often the part of us that wants to protect, perform, or prove something. It shows up when we want to be seen as strong, right, or in control. As you look at this section of John’s Gospel, where do you see those dynamics at play? And how does Jesus’ surrender model a very different way of being?

How would you describe your relationship with guilt and shame? How was that changed over time, or how are you still longing to experience transformation there, in light of who Jesus is?

Read the Scriptures about the kingdom: *Matthew 3:2; 4:17; 5:3; Mark 1:15; Luke 12:32; 18:17*. What difference does it make to emphasize that the kingdom is not something we build, but something Jesus brings through his life, death, and resurrection? How might that change the way we live, serve, or see ourselves in God’s story?

Consider Pilate’s declaration: “Behold the man.” Then reread John 15:26-27. If someone came to you in their lowest moment—in a dark place, or feeling completely lost or helpless—how would you hope to share who Jesus is? What truth would you hope the Holy Spirit reveals through you?

Reflect on Jesus in his lowest moment. How are you impacted?

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GUILT and SHAME are ours to carry—unless we **KNOW** the **TRUTH**. John 8:21-38; 2 Cor. 5:16-21; Gal. 3:10-14

Jesus' kingdom is not something **WE BUILD**—it's something **HE BRINGS**. Matt. 3:2; 5:3; 4:17, Mark 1:15; Luke 12:32; 18:17

The Holy Spirit **REVEALS** who Jesus is—our task is to **REMEMBER** and **REMIND**. John 15:26-27; 1 John 4:7-5:5

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