

Lesson 26

The Arrest Of Jesus

John 18:1-27

1. Read chapter 18 (Provided at page 10 of lesson.) List all the verses that indicate that Christ chose to do this and was not a victim of circumstances.
2. From chapters 18 and 19 (Provided at pages 10-11 of lesson.), what verses do you find that speak of Christ's sufferings as the fulfillment of a divine plan. (Also see Ps.34, Numbers 21:1-9, Zech.12:10)

Psalm 34

- 1 Of David, when he feigned madness before Abimelech, who forced him to depart.
- 2 I will bless the LORD at all times; praise shall be always in my mouth.
- 3 My soul will glory in the LORD that the poor may hear and be glad.
- 4 Magnify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.
- 5 I sought the LORD, who answered me, delivered me from all my fears.
- 6 Look to God that you may be radiant with joy and your faces may not blush for shame.
- 7 In my misfortune I called, the LORD heard and saved me from all distress.
- 8 The angel of the LORD, who encamps with them, delivers all who fear God.
- 9 Learn to savor how good the LORD is; happy are those who take refuge in him.
- 10 Fear the LORD, you holy ones; nothing is lacking to those who fear him.
- 11 The powerful grow poor and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
- 12 Come, children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 13 Who among you loves life, takes delight in prosperous days?
- 14 Keep your tongue from evil, your lips from speaking lies.
- 15 Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
- 16 The LORD has eyes for the just and ears for their cry.
- 17 The LORD'S face is against evildoers to wipe out their memory from the earth.
- 18 When the just cry out, the LORD hears and rescues them from all distress.
- 19 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted, saves those whose spirit is crushed.
- 20 Many are the troubles of the just, but the LORD delivers from them all.
- 21 God watches over all their bones; not a one shall be broken.
- 22 Evil will slay the wicked; those who hate the just are condemned.
- 23 The LORD redeems loyal servants; no one is condemned whose refuge is God.

Numbers 21:1-9

- 1 When the Canaanite king of Arad, who lived in the Negeb, heard that the Israelites were coming along the way of Atharim, he engaged them in battle and took some of them captive.
- 2 Israel then made this vow to the LORD: "If you deliver this people into my hand, I will doom their cities."
- 3 Later, when the LORD heeded Israel's prayer and delivered up the Canaanites, they doomed them and their cities. Hence that place was named Hormah.
- 4 From Mount Hor they set out on the Red Sea road, to by-pass the land of Edom. But with their patience worn out by the journey,

5 the people complained against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert, where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food!"

6 In punishment the LORD sent among the people saraph serpents, which bit the people so that many of them died.

7 Then the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people,

8 and the LORD said to Moses, "Make a saraph and mount it on a pole, and if anyone who has been bitten looks at it, he will recover."

9 Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he recovered.

Zech.12:10

10 I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and petition; and they shall look on him whom they have thrust through, and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only son, and they shall grieve over him as one grieves over a first-born.

3. From chapters 18 and 19, list the verses where the honesty and majesty of Christ shines through His sufferings.

4. Read Matthew .26:30-56, Luke 22:39-56, John 18:1-12. What can you find in the Matt. and Luke passages that are omitted in the John passage?

Matthew .26:30-56

39 He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will."

40 When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?"

41 Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

42 Withdrawing a second time, he prayed again, "My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!"

43 Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open.

44 He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again.

45 Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners.

46 Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

47 While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd, with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

48 His betrayer had arranged a sign with them, saying, "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him."

49 Immediately he went over to Jesus and said, "Hail, Rabbi!" and he kissed him.

50 Jesus answered him, "Friend, do what you have come for." Then stepping forward they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

51 And behold, one of those who accompanied Jesus put his hand to his sword, drew it, and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his ear.

52 Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

53 Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father and he will not provide me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels?

54 But then how would the scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way?"

55 At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me? Day after day I sat teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me.

56 But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

Luke 22:39-56

39 Then going out he went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him.

40 When he arrived at the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not undergo the test."

41 After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling, he prayed,

42 saying, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done."

43 (And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him.

44 He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground.)

45 When he rose from prayer and returned to his disciples, he found them sleeping from grief.

46 He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test."

47 While he was still speaking, a crowd approached and in front was one of the Twelve, a man named Judas. He went up to Jesus to kiss him.

48 Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

49 His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked, "Lord, shall we strike with a sword?"

50 And one of them struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear.

51 But Jesus said in reply, "Stop, no more of this!" Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him.

52 And Jesus said to the chief priests and temple guards and elders who had come for him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs?

53 Day after day I was with you in the temple area, and you did not seize me; but this is your hour, the time for the power of darkness."

54 After arresting him they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest; Peter was following at a distance.

55 They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter sat down with them.

56 When a maid saw him seated in the light, she looked intently at him and said, "This man too was with him."

John 18:1-12

1 When he had said this, Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered.

2 Judas his betrayer also knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples.

3 So Judas got a band of soldiers and guards from the chief priests and the Pharisees and went there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

4 Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and said to them, "Whom are you looking for?"

5 They answered him, "Jesus the Nazorean." He said to them, "I AM." Judas his betrayer was also with them.

6 When he said to them, "I AM," they turned away and fell to the ground.

7 So he again asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They said, "Jesus the Nazorean."

8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I AM. So if you are looking for me, let these men go."

9 This was to fulfill what he had said, "I have not lost any of those you gave me."

10 Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus.

11 Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its scabbard. Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?"

12 So the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound him,

4. How does John 18:1-12 show us the love Jesus has for His followers?

5. Can you find verses in John 18:1-12 that show the love and submission of Jesus for His Father?

7. Apart from the kiss of Judas, what do you think might be the hardest thing for Jesus to endure when He was arrested?

8. How would you describe Annas' character as revealed in verses 12-24? (Also see Lk.3:2)

John 18:12-24

12 So the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound him,

13 and brought him to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.

14 It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people.

15 Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now the other disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus.

16 But Peter stood at the gate outside. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Peter in.

17 Then the maid who was the gatekeeper said to Peter, "You are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

18 Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made, because it was cold, and were warming themselves. Peter was also standing there keeping warm.

19 The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his doctrine.

20 Jesus answered him, "I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing.

21 Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said."

22 When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said, "Is this the way you answer the high priest?"

23 Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?"

24 Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Luke 3:2

2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert.

9. A. Describe Jesus' attitude during His trial.

B. What lessons can you take from this?

10. Read Luke 22:54-71. What incident connected with Peter's denial does the Luke passage give that are omitted in the other gospels, and what does it mean to you?

Luke 22:54-71

54 After arresting him they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest; Peter was following at a distance.

55 They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter sat down with them.

56 When a maid saw him seated in the light, she looked intently at him and said, "This man too was with him."

57 But he denied it saying, "Woman, I do not know him."

58 A short while later someone else saw him and said, "You too are one of them"; but Peter answered, "My friend, I am not."

59 About an hour later, still another insisted, "Assuredly, this man too was with him, for he also is a Galilean."

60 But Peter said, "My friend, I do not know what you are talking about." Just as he was saying this, the cock crowed,

61 and the Lord turned and looked at Peter; and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times."

62 He went out and began to weep bitterly.

63 The men who held Jesus in custody were ridiculing and beating him.

64 They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"

65 And they reviled him in saying many other things against him.

66 When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought him before their Sanhedrin.

67 They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us," but he replied to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe,

68 and if I question, you will not respond.

69 But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

70 They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied to them, "You say that I am."

71 Then they said, "What further need have we for testimony? We have heard it from his own mouth."

11. Give three things which impress you concerning the trial at the house of Caiaphas from Mark 14:53-64.

Mark 14:53-64

53 They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together.

54 Peter followed him at a distance into the high priest's courtyard and was seated with the guards, warming himself at the fire.

55 The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none.

56 Many gave false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree.

57 Some took the stand and testified falsely against him, alleging,

58 "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands and within three days I will build another not made with hands.'"

59 Even so their testimony did not agree.

60 The high priest rose before the assembly and questioned Jesus, saying, "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?"

61 But he was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him and said to him, "Are you the Messiah, the son of the Blessed One?"

62 Then Jesus answered, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

63 At that the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further need have we of witnesses?"

64 You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him as deserving to die.

John 18

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24 Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

25 Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to him, "You are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not."

26 One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?"

27 Again Peter denied it. And immediately the cock crowed.

28 Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was morning. And they themselves did not enter the praetorium, in order not to be defiled so that they could eat the Passover.

29 So Pilate came out to them and said, "What charge do you bring (against) this man?"

30 They answered and said to him, "If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."

31 At this, Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law." The Jews answered him, "We do not have the right to execute anyone,"

32 in order that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled that he said indicating the kind of death he would die.

33 So Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

34 Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?"

35 Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants (would) be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here."

37 So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

38 Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" When he had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them, "I find no guilt in him."

39 But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at Passover. Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

40 They cried out again, "Not this one but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a revolutionary.

John 19

1 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged.

2 And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak,

3 and they came to him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him repeatedly.

4 Once more Pilate went out and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him."

5 So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And he said to them, "Behold, the man!"

6 When the chief priests and the guards saw him they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him."

7 The Jews answered, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God."

8 Now when Pilate heard this statement, he became even more afraid,

9 and went back into the praetorium and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" Jesus did not answer him.

10 So Pilate said to him, "Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and I have power to crucify you?"

11 Jesus answered (him), "You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin."

12 Consequently, Pilate tried to release him; but the Jews cried out, "If you release him, you are not a Friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."

13 When Pilate heard these words he brought Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench in the place called Stone Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha.

14 It was preparation day for Passover, and it was about noon. And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your king!"

15 They cried out, "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

16 Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus,

17 and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha.

18 There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle.

19 Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews."

20 Now many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek.

21 So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that he said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'"

22 Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

23 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down.

24 So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be," in order that the passage of scripture might be fulfilled (that says): "They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots." This is what the soldiers did.

25 Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala.

26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son."

27 Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

28 After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst."

29 There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth.

30 When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

31 Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken down.

32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus.

33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs,

34 but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.

35 An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may (come to) believe.

36 For this happened so that the scripture passage might be fulfilled: "Not a bone of it will be broken."

37 And again another passage says: "They will look upon him whom they have pierced."

38 After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body.

39 Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds.

40 They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom.

41 Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried.

42 So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by.