**Book of John 18:1-40
Jesus Betrayed
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***Jesus' Power Restrained [during His arrest] Vs’ 1-14***

***(***[***Matthew 26:47-56***](http://biblehub.com/kjv/matthew/26.htm#47)***;***[***Mark 14:43-52***](http://biblehub.com/kjv/mark/14.htm#43)***;***[***Luke 22:47-53***](http://biblehub.com/kjv/luke/22.htm#47)***)***

[1](http://biblehub.com/john/18-1.htm)When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples. [2](http://biblehub.com/john/18-2.htm)And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus ofttimes resorted thither with his disciples. [3](http://biblehub.com/john/18-3.htm)Judas then, having received a band *of men* and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. [4](http://biblehub.com/john/18-4.htm)Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, **went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?**[**5**](http://biblehub.com/john/18-5.htm)**They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am *he*. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them.**[**6**](http://biblehub.com/john/18-6.htm)**As soon then as he had said unto them, I am *he*, they went backward, and fell to the ground.** [7](http://biblehub.com/john/18-7.htm)Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. [8](http://biblehub.com/john/18-8.htm)Jesus answered, I have told you that I am *he*: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way: [9](http://biblehub.com/john/18-9.htm)That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none. [10](http://biblehub.com/john/18-10.htm)Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. [**11**](http://biblehub.com/john/18-11.htm)**Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?** [12](http://biblehub.com/john/18-12.htm)Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, [13](http://biblehub.com/john/18-13.htm)And led him away to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year. [**14**](http://biblehub.com/john/18-14.htm)**Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

Adam Clarke comments on verses 5-8, regarding the I am statements and it’s apparent effect upon the mob of soldiers:
They went backward, and fell to the ground - None of the other evangelists mentions this very important circumstance. Our Lord chose to give them this proof of his infinite power, that they might know that their power could not prevail against him if he chose to exert his might, seeing that the very breath of his mouth confounded, drove back, and struck them down to the earth. Thus by the blast of God they might have perished, and by the breath of his nostrils they might have been consumed: Job\_4:9.

Jesus proving His authority with two words to what I consider to be a very important supernatural event. This would not only show them His willingness to lay down His life, but that He still retained and restrained His power in the same sacrifice.

Mat 26:52-54** Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. 53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? 54 But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

**From the Roman Historian Tacitus:**THE LEGIONS: There were 25 legions in 23 AD (Tacitus Annals 4, 5), which had been increased to 30 at the time of the reign of Marcus Aurelius, 160-180 AD (CIL, VI, 3492 a-b) and to 33 under Septimius Severus (Dio Cassius, iv. 23-24). **Each legion was made up, ordinarily, of 6,000 men, who were divided into 10 cohorts[600 men], each cohort containing 3 maniples[200 men], and each maniple in turn 2 centuries. When I trained recruits for the US Navy we would start with 88-90 men, we would lose and gain sailors as they failed and got set back to another company. Our organization, training, moving, motivating, correcting that many people was an arduous task to say the least. So, the task of a Roman Centurion was an important one, which made up 1/60th of the Roman Legion. Keep in mind that Jesus said He could call upon the power of 12 legions. 12 X 6000 = 72,000 angels.**

**Compare this number to the power of one angel the Lord sent on King Hezekiah’s behalf against the army of the Assyrians.

King Hezekiah of Judah was pleading with the Lord to save them and Isaiah delivered the message about the Assyrian King Sennacarib in vs 20: ….which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard.**

 **2 Ki 19:34-36** For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. **35 And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses. 36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.
[185,000 men killed by one angel!]**

 **Note on Tacitus as well is that he wrote on several occasions of Jesus Christ’s death, burial, resurrection and the disciples of the way. So, there we have extra biblical secular proofs of Jesus’ existence at that time.**

**In vs 11 we see that Jesus spoke of a cup that He must drink asking rhetorically, shouldn’t I drink it? Most, especially Calvinists or Arminians will suppose that this is a cup of God’s wrath and fury for the sins of mankind. That it was poured out every drop upon Jesus. But, if you remember that the sons of thunder were told that they too would drink the same cup that Jesus would drink from. So, what was it? It was the cup of suffering the Father gave them from the world and sinners that we all should endure. How many here have been baptized into the reproach of Christ by the world?**

**Matt 20:22-23 …Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.**[**23**](http://biblehub.com/matthew/20-23.htm)**And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with:**

**If Jesus was treated this way, do you expect you will be treated better than the Master of the house?**

***Peter's First Denial Vs’ 15-18***

***(***[***Matthew 26:69-75***](http://biblehub.com/kjv/matthew/26.htm#69)***;***[***Mark 14:66-72***](http://biblehub.com/kjv/mark/14.htm#66)***;***[***Luke 22:54-62***](http://biblehub.com/kjv/luke/22.htm#54)***)***

[15](http://biblehub.com/john/18-15.htm)And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and *so did* another disciple: that disciple [John] was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. [16](http://biblehub.com/john/18-16.htm)But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. [17](http://biblehub.com/john/18-17.htm)Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also *one* of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not. [18](http://biblehub.com/john/18-18.htm)And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself.

**Jesus Before the High Priest Vs’ 19-24**

***(***[***Isaiah 53:1-8***](http://biblehub.com/kjv/isaiah/53.htm)***;***[***Matthew 26:57-68***](http://biblehub.com/kjv/matthew/26.htm#57)***;***[***Mark 14:53-65***](http://biblehub.com/kjv/mark/14.htm#53)***;***[***1 Peter 2:21-25***](http://biblehub.com/kjv/1_peter/2.htm#21)***)***

[**19**](http://biblehub.com/john/18-19.htm)**The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine**.[20](http://biblehub.com/john/18-20.htm)Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. [21](http://biblehub.com/john/18-21.htm)Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said. [**22**](http://biblehub.com/john/18-22.htm)**And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest** so?[23](http://biblehub.com/john/18-23.htm)Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me? [24](http://biblehub.com/john/18-24.htm)Now Annas [father in law] had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest.

**It is almost every chapter of the Gospel of John from the baptism of Christ to this point that we see the Pharisees and lawyers trying to bring doubtful disputes to Christ, accusations about his preaching/miracles, and plotting to overthrow and kill Him. Now they have finally brought them to their court.**

**Isaiah 53:**[**1**](http://biblehub.com/isaiah/53-1.htm)**-3** Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? [**2**](http://biblehub.com/isaiah/53-2.htm)For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him. [**3**](http://biblehub.com/isaiah/53-3.htm)He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

***Peter's Second and Third Denials Vs’ 25-27***

**John 18:**[**25**](http://biblehub.com/john/18-25.htm)**-27** And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also *one* of his disciples? He denied *it*, and said, I am not. [26](http://biblehub.com/john/18-26.htm)One of the servants of the high priest, being *his* kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him? [**27**](http://biblehub.com/john/18-27.htm)**Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew.**

 **Mat 26:31-35** Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. 32 But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. 33 Peter answered and said unto him, Though all *men* shall be offended because of thee, *yet* will I never be offended. 34 Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. 35 Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

**Jesus spoke this prophecy but a few hours before His arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane! Peter and John followed him to the judgment court, Peter denies Him three times, John, knowing the high priest is allowed free course in the courts. Which is why he is able to give such a detailed account of the event.**

**Matt 26:**[**69**](http://biblehub.com/matthew/26-69.htm)-75 Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee. [**70**](http://biblehub.com/matthew/26-70.htm)But he denied before *them* all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. [**71**](http://biblehub.com/matthew/26-71.htm)And when he was gone out into the porch, another *maid* saw him, and said unto them that were there, This *fellow* was also with Jesus of Nazareth. [**72**](http://biblehub.com/matthew/26-72.htm)And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man. [**73**](http://biblehub.com/matthew/26-73.htm)And after a while came unto *him* they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art *one* of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee. [**74**](http://biblehub.com/matthew/26-74.htm)Then began he to curse and to swear, ***saying*, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew**. [**75**](http://biblehub.com/matthew/26-75.htm)And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly

**Mark 14:**[**72**](http://biblehub.com/mark/14-72.htm)And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

**Nothing like realizing you have betrayed people or things regarding promises you have made to those whom you love.**

**Jesus Judged Vs’ 28-40**

***(***[***Matthew 27:11-14***](http://biblehub.com/kjv/matthew/27.htm#11)***;***[***Luke 23:1-6***](http://biblehub.com/kjv/luke/23.htm)***)***

[28](http://biblehub.com/john/18-28.htm)Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover. [29](http://biblehub.com/john/18-29.htm)Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man?[30](http://biblehub.com/john/18-30.htm)They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee. [31](http://biblehub.com/john/18-31.htm)Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. **The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:**[**32**](http://biblehub.com/john/18-32.htm)**That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.**[33](http://biblehub.com/john/18-33.htm)Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, **Art thou the King of the Jews?** [34](http://biblehub.com/john/18-34.htm)Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? [35](http://biblehub.com/john/18-35.htm)Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? [36](http://biblehub.com/john/18-36.htm)Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. [37](http://biblehub.com/john/18-37.htm)Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? **Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.**[**38**](http://biblehub.com/john/18-38.htm)**Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?** And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault *at all*.[39](http://biblehub.com/john/18-39.htm)But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews?[40](http://biblehub.com/john/18-40.htm)Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber.

**Vs’ 31-32 That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled - Or, thus the word was fulfilled. God permitted the Jews to lose the power of life and death, in the sense before stated, that according to the Roman laws, which punished sedition, etc., with the cross, Christ might be crucified, according to his own prediction:
Joh\_12:32-33, Joh\_3:14,** *Joh\_10:31-33***, Mat\_20:19, Mat\_26:2; Luk\_18:32-33, Luk\_24:7-8;**

**Deu\_21:23; Psa\_22:16; Gal\_3:13**

in Vs. 32-37 Pilate queries Jesus as to His authority, Jesus responds with questions. This is a great argumentative technique to expose the bias of a philosophical opponent. Jesus finally confirms that His purpose was to be born to witness the truth of His Father to the world and teach as He was taught.

In vs’ 38- 40 Pilate finds no fault in Jesus, then offers a plea to the people to let Jesus go according to their traditions. The people chose the seditious sinner who deserved the capital punishment to be set free and the innocent to be condemned. Barrabas was an archetype of sinful, rebellious humanity.

**Matt 27:24** When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but *that* rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying**, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye *to it.***

***Jesus' Power Restrained Vs’ 1-14 Proves His love for the Father and for Humanity that He patiently knowing what was laid before Him endured it that we might be saved.

Peter's First Denial Vs’ 15-18 How many times have we been put in this position to deny the Word of God?

Jesus Before the High Priest Vs’ 19-24 Jesus proves His own innocence by His appeal to what He had previously said publicly in the temple in front of the people.
Peter's Second and Third Denials Vs’ 25-27 Though Peter was adamant to Jesus’ face that he would never deny Him, it is painfully apparent whom Peter feared.
Jesus Judged Vs’ 28-40 Many will condemn Pilate’s judgment. But, I think He judged righteously but failed epically concerning the execution of said judgment because of His fear of the Jews and the Sanhedrin.***