### **Christ Takes The Final Steps To The Cross**

- A. The Place of Betrayal (18:1)
  - 1. A place of sorrow
    - a. For David
      - 2 Samuel 15:23
    - b. For Christ
      - Matthew 26:36-37
  - 2. A place of judgment
    - **2 Chronicles 15:16**
    - Zechariah 14:4

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- B. The People of Betrayal (18:2-3)
  - 1. The chief betrayer (18:2) Psalm 41:9
  - 2. The cross-section of society (18:3)
    - a. The size
      - **Matthew 26:47**
    - b. The structure Roman soldiers and temple guards

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- C. The Power Of Christ Displayed (18:4-13)
  - 1. In asking His question (18:4-5)
    - a. He knew what was happening (4) Matthew 26:55
    - b. He knew why they were there (v 5) Luke 6:8
  - 2. In His answer (18:6-8)

Hebrews 4:12

Luke 4:34-36

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- C. The Power Of Christ Displayed (18:4-13) continued 3. In authority (18:8-9)
  - a. Commanded the crowd (v 8)
    - **Proverbs 21:1-2**
  - b. Commanded by God (v 9)
    John 6:39

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- C. The Power Of Christ Displayed (18:4-13) continued
  - 4. In activity (18:10-11)
    - a. Greater than man (v 10)

Luke 22:51

b. Conforming to God (v 11)

Luke 22:42

Matthew 26:52-54

**5.** In acceptance (18:12-13)

John 10:17-18

# Denials Of Christ John 18:13-28

We All Can Deny Christ

#### John 18:13-28

- 13 And led him away to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year.
- 14 Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.
- 15 And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest.

  16 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.

#### **John 18:13-28 - continued**

- 17 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 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.
- 19 The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine.
- 20 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.

#### **John 18:13-28 - continued**

- 21 Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said.
- 22 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 Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?
- 24 Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest.
- 25 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.

#### **John 18:13-28 - continued**

- 26 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 Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew.
- 28 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.

- A. Annas' influence of power
  - 1. Before the crucifixion

**Luke 3:2** 

Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

2. After the crucifixion

**Acts 4:5** 

And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

- A. Annas' influence of power
  - 3. Delivered Christ bound (v 24)

Ephesians 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

- B. Caiaphas' influence of position
- John 11:47-53
- 47 Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.
- 48 If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.
- 49 And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all,

- B. Caiaphas' influence of position
- **John 11:47-53 continued**
- 50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.
- 51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation;
- 52 And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.
- 53 Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.

- A. The conflict (18:19-21)
  - 1. Their focus

Mark 7:6-7

- 6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.
- 7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

- A. The conflict (18:19-21) continued
  - 2. Their fault

Matthew 23:23-24

- 23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.
- 24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

B. The concern

Mark 11:17-18

17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

18 And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.

- C. The condemnation (18:22-23)
  - 1. For an ignorant act

Isaiah 53:1

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

Psalm 2:11-12

11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

- **C.** The condemnation (18:22-23)
  - 2. For an inexcusable act
- 1 Peter 2:22-23
- 22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:
- 23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

#### **Romans 12:29**

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

#### III. Denial Of Association

A. Starts by following afar off (18:15)

**Matthew 26:58** 

But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.

B. Standing in the enemies camp (18:16-18)

**Psalm 1:1** 

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

#### III. Denial Of Association

C. Saying the first lie (18:25)

**Romans 13:14** 

But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Ephesians 4:25

Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

#### III. Denial Of Association

D. Sustained by repeated lies (18:25-26)

**Romans 7:5** 

For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

**Romans 6:16** 

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

#### **Deliverance From Denial Awaits**

### 2 Timothy 2:12-13

12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

#### **Ephesians 2:13-14**

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

# **Do Not Deny Christ**