

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 01 Dec 2013 John 12 Live Selflessly
- 2) 08 Dec John 13 Serve Humbly
- 3) 15 Dec John 14 Believe Exclusively
- 4) 22 Dec Luke 1-2 Christmas Message
- 5) 29 Dec John 15:1-25 Stay Open and Obedient
- 6) 05 Jan 2014 John 15:26 – 16:33 Depend on the Spirit
- 7) 12 Jan John 17 Honor Jesus
- 8) 19 Jan Psalm 139 Value Every Life
- 9) 26 Jan John 18:1-27 Our Messiah - Abused
- 10) 02 Feb John 18:28-40; 19:1-16 Our King - Condemned
- 11) 09 Feb John 19:17-42 Our Savior - Crucified
- 12) 16 Feb John 20 Live in Resurrection Power
- 13) 23 Feb John 21 Follow with Renewed Purpose

INTRODUCTION

- We know what's going to happen, but John gives us some unique insight when we investigate those small details he provides

Passage	Comments
John 18:1-14	<p>Being Betrayed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew, Mark and Luke all record the Judas Kiss, but it doesn't warrant mention in John's Gospel • John gives more emphasis to the following little details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ v2. Jesus often visited a particular garden WHY? ♦ v3. A "band of men" (approximately 300-600) came to arrest one man WHY so many? ♦ v4. Jesus knew all things which would transpire, and He took control of the crowd situation..... HOW? ♦ vv5-7. Everyone fell backward when Jesus identified Himself..... WHY? ♦ v8. "Let these others go" – The "band of men" had the man they wanted, so they heeded His request ♦ v9. "I lost none" – Jesus fulfills prophecy 1 more time - Judas didn't count since the context dealt with ♦ v10. Malchus was apparently known to John's readers, so he probably became a believer. There was no need to highlight Malchus' ear being restored since John's readers would have known about it ♦ v11. Jesus tries to reason with a good guy (Peter) who just tried to kill a bad guy – Put your gun away! • vv12-14. The politicians (Annas and his son-in-law, Caiaphas, the current High Priest) take control and fall into the sovereign hands of a mighty Savior and God
Did Jesus ever restore a missing or amputated limb?	<p>Malchus is the only amputee recorded in Scripture who was healed, though it was only an ear Luke 22:50-51</p> <p>Matthew 18:8, If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; it is better for you to enter life CRIPPLED or LAME</p> <p>Matthew 15:30 and 21:14 record that the blind, the CRIPPLED and the LAME (same Greek words as in 18:8) came to Jesus, and He healed them ALL.</p> <p>So, it is very conceivable Jesus instantaneously healed people with amputated and missing limbs ... John 21:25</p>
18:15-18. 25-27	<p>Being Denied</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satan wanted to sift Peter like wheat (Luke 22:31) by poking at his weakest flaws: his inner strength, his loyalty, his bravado, and he did it with subtlety by simply getting others to ask the same question 3x – "Aren't you one of His disciples" • Satan wasn't out to make Peter fall into some kind of overt sin such as adultery or theft, but he wanted Peter (who Jesus was training as a Leader) to crumble and become useless in service for the Lord and for man

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Where does Satan hit us below the belt? ♦ What are some of our weak character flaws that can make us crumble if we are tempted or attacked? • Luke 22:61-62 records that Jesus turned and looked directly at Peter after his 3rd denial of Him, and Peter lost it, and he quickly left to go & cry his eyes out
18:19-24	<p>Being Reviled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv19-20. Annas, High Priest emeritus (retired), had 2 major questions for Jesus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who are your disciples? 2. What is your teaching all about? ♦ Jesus did not respond to the question about His disciples, possibly to protect them from arrest ♦ As far as His teachings, He told Annas to ask the crowds who heard Him speak in public places ♦ Jesus' teachings were in the open, and available for all to hear • vv22-23. Jesus is slapped or punched by an official for not giving a direct answer; and Jesus rebukes the official for a wrongful strike <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Ananias & Sapphira died immediately when rebuked by Peter for lying to the Holy Spirit ♦ So, why didn't this official suffer a stroke after he maliciously slapped His Creator in the face? • v24. Annas apparently failed to get the answers he wanted so he sent Jesus to his son-in-law, Caiaphas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ We'll pick the rest of this story up next week

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- Have we done anything to warrant special sifting by Satan? If not, why not? If we stay below Satan's radar screen, what fun is that?

NEXT WEEK: John 18:28-40; 19:1-16. We will discover some differences between God's TRUTH and man's truth



So, you slapped your Sunday School Teacher. You should see what we did to the guy who slapped our Lord