

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><b>Being Betrayed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matthew, Mark and Luke all record the Judas Kiss, but it doesn't warrant mention in John's Gospel</li> <li>• John gives more emphasis to the following little details:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ v2. Jesus often visited a particular garden ..... WHY?</li> <li>♦ v3. A "band of men" (approximately 300-600) came to arrest one man ..... WHY so many?</li> <li>♦ v4. Jesus knew all things which would transpire, and He took control of the crowd situation..... HOW?</li> <li>♦ vv5-7. Everyone fell backward when Jesus identified Himself..... WHY?</li> <li>♦ v8. "Let these others go" – The "band of men" had the man they wanted, so they heeded His request</li> <li>♦ v9. "I lost none" – Jesus fulfills prophecy 1 more time - Judas didn't count since the context dealt with</li> <li>♦ 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</li> <li>♦ v11. Jesus tries to reason with a good guy (Peter) who just tried to kill a bad guy – Put your gun away!</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
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><b>Matthew 18:8</b>, 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><b>Matthew 15:30 and 21:14</b> 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><b>Being Denied</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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"</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>

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

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