LESSONS THIS QUARTER
7) 12 Jan. John 17. Honor Jesus
8) 19 Jan. Psalm 139. Value Every Life

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

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| John 18:1-14 | Being Betrayed
  - 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:
    - 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

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| John 18:15-27 | Did Jesus ever restore a missing or amputated limb?
  - Malchus is the only amputee recorded in Scripture who was healed, though it was only an ear......Luke 22:50-51
  - 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
  - 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.
  - So, it is very conceivable Jesus instantaneously healed people with amputated and missing limbs ....John 21:25

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| 18:19-24 | Being Denied
  - Satan wanted to silt Peter like wheat (Luke 22:31) by poking at his weakest flaws: his inner strength, his royalty, 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

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