

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 05 Mar 2023..... John 12:1-19..... Why Wasn't This Sold?
- 2) 12 Mar..... John 12:20-50..... If It Dies
- 3) 19 Mar..... John 13:1-38..... I Will Come Again
- 4) 26 Mar..... John 14:1-31..... Peace I Leave
- 5) 02 Apr..... John 15:1-17..... Remain in Me
- 6) 09 Apr..... John 20:1-18..... I Have Seen
- 7) 16 Apr..... John 15:18-27; 16:1-33..... When the Spirit Comes
- 8) 23 Apr..... John 17:1-26..... I Pray
- 9) 30 Apr..... John 18:1-27..... I Am He**
- 10) 07 May..... John 18:28-40..... I Find No Fault
- 11) 14 May..... John 19:1-42..... If Is Finished
- 12) 21 May..... John 20:19-31..... Reach out Your Hand
- 13) 28 May..... John 21:1-25..... Do You Love Me?

**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 play into this head count since the context dealt with the true disciples of Christ.</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.... <b>Luke 22:50-51</b></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</b> and <b>21:14</b> record that the blind, the CRIPPLED and the LAME (same Greek words as in <b>18:8</b>) came to Jesus, and He healed them ALL.</p> <p>So, it is very conceivable Jesus instantaneously healed people with amputated and missing limbs ...<b>John 21:25</b></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 (<b>Luke 22:31</b>) 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                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Where does Satan hit us below the belt?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ What are some of our weak character flaws that can make us crumble if we are tempted or attacked?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Some secret sin we keep under wraps?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> We act before we think?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> We prefer passivity (IOW we take no actions)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Luke 22:61-62</b> 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; cried 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, 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</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.** 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**