

Christ, the Son of God
Studies in the Gospel of John

The Son of God Under Arrest
Lesson 18
John 18

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Outline of the Gospel of John

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Purpose Statement

Therefore many other signs
Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples,
which are not written in this book;
but these have been written
so that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God;
and that believing
you may have life in His name.

John 20:30-31 (NASB)

The Prologue (1:1-18)

Jesus, who is eternally God, came to earth in a human body to reveal the Father. By faith in Him, we become the children of God.

The Son of God Under Arrest (18)

1. Arrest (18:1-12)
2. Before Annas (18:13-14, 19-24)
3. Denial by Peter (18:15-18, 25-27)
4. Before Pilate (18:28-40)

The Arrest and Trial of Jesus Number of Verses in Each Gospel	M A T T	M A R K	L U K E	J O H N
The Arrest of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane	10	10	8	11
The Hearing before Annas			(4)	9
Peter's Denials	8	8	8	7
The Hearing before Caiaphas	13	13	6	(1)
The First Hearing before Pilate	4	4	7	11
The Hearing before Herod			5	
The Second Hearing before Pilate	9	9	10	17
The Conviction and Sentencing by Pilate	3	1	3	1
Total Verses	47	49	47	57

Arrest in the Garden (Matt 26:47-56; Mk 14:43-52; Lu 22:47-54a; John 18:1-11)

Hearing before Annas (Lu 22:54b, 63-65; John 18:12-14, 19-24)

Denial by Peter – first (Matt 26:58, 69-70; Mk 14:54, 66-68; Lu 22:54c-57; John 18:15-18)

Denial by Peter – second and third (Matt 26:71-75; Mk 14:69-72; Lu 22:58-62; John 18:25-27)

Several hours between Annas and Caiaphas (Luke 22:63-65)

Hearing before Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin (Matt 26:57, 59-68; 27:1-2; Mk 14:53, 55-65; 15:1; Lu 22:66-71; John 18:28a)

Hearing #1 before Pilate (Matt 27:11-14; Mk 15:2-5; Lu 23:1-7; John 18:28b-38)

Hearing before Herod (Lu 23:8-12)

Hearing #2 before Pilate (Matt 27:15-23; Mk 15:6-14; Lu 23:13-22; John 18:39-40, 19:1-15)

Sentencing (Matt 27:24-26; Mk 15:15; Lu 23:23-25; John 19:16)

The Arrest in the Garden (18:1-12)

- ▶ Jesus went forth, knowing all things that were coming (18:4)
- ▶ Judas on a mission . . . to hand Him over
- ▶ A voluntary victim
- ▶ Philippians 2:8 – “obedient to the point of death . . . on a cross.”
- ▶ The interrogation in the Garden . . . by Jesus
- ▶ The authority in charge of the arrest
 - The power of Jesus’ word
 - The protection of the disciples
- ▶ The surprising opposition to the Father’s plan . . . by Peter
- ▶ The main point: Jesus willing to drink the cup from the Father

Exam by Annas (18:13-14, 19- 24)

- ▶ A corrupt political institution: Annas and Sons
- ▶ Question about His disciples and His teaching
- ▶ Answer: “Ask those who heard *My* teaching”
- ▶ An attempt to distract: “Is that the way you answer?”
- ▶ The issue: Is Jesus true or false? Must hear the truth.
- ▶ Jesus, a pattern for dealing with opposition

Peter Denies Christ (18:15-18; 25-27)

- ▶ Peter warming himself with the officers and slaves
- ▶ Prologue: “In Him was life and the life was the light of men.”
- ▶ John 15:5: “Apart from Me, you can do nothing.”
- ▶ “Strike the Shepherd . . .” (John 16:32; Matt 26:31; Zech 13:7)
- ▶ The enabling power of union with Christ

Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin

- ▶ Coming and going, but no details (18:24, 28)
- ▶ The ruling body with authority to charge Jesus
- ▶ A window of abuse (Luke 22:63-65)

Exam by Pilate #1 (18:28-38)

- ▶ Fear of defilement! “Whitewashed tombs” (Matt 23:27-28)
- ▶ A “shuttle trial” – in and out of the Praetorium
- ▶ The accusation: “an evildoer”
- ▶ The priority of the Jews: death by crucifixion
- ▶ The priority of Jesus (3:14; 12:32; Gal 3:13)

Exam by Pilate #1 (18:28-38)

- ▶ Pilate: “Are You the King of the Jews?”
- ▶ Jesus directs the question to Pilate?
- ▶ Pilate: Not my issue. What did You do?
- ▶ Jesus stays on message – no defense
 - A spiritual kingdom
 - The realm of truth
- ▶ Pilate understands that Jesus is a king

“Full of Grace and Truth”

- ▶ John 14:6 “I am . . . the truth . . .”
- ▶ Prologue: Bring Light in darkness; reveal the Father
- ▶ A prominent theme in John: true or truth (x49)
 - 8:14 – My testimony is true
 - 8:16 – My judgment is true
 - 8:26 – the One who sent Me is true
 - 8:32 – You will know the truth . . . the truth will make you free
 - 8:44 – your father the devil does not stand in the truth
 - 8:45 – I tell the truth and you do not believe
 - 17:8 – disciples . . . have come to know in truth that I came from the Father
 - 17:17 – sanctify them through Your truth, Your word is truth
 - 19:35; 21:24 – John’s message: eternal life through the truth
- ▶ The Passion of Christ is essential for salvation
- ▶ Jesus preaching the Gospel to Pilate
- ▶ A tragic response: “What is truth?”

Exam by Pilate #2 (18:28-38)

- ▶ A diversion to Herod – only noted by Luke
- ▶ Pilate's verdict: "I find no guilt in Him."
- ▶ An attempt to release Jesus by Passover custom
- ▶ Jews choose Barabas – a robber

The Son of God Under Arrest

- ▶ Acts 4:27-28 – Pontus Pilate, Herod, Gentiles and Jews came together to do what the purpose of God predestined to occur
- ▶ The Gospel on display – The Kingdom of God is accessed by truth