

Gospel According to John 18:1 – 24

New American Standard Version

1 ^{18:1} When Jesus had spoken these words, He went forth with His
 2 disciples over the ravine of the Kidron, where there was a garden,
 3 in which He entered with His disciples. ² Now Judas also, who was
 4 betraying Him, knew the place, for Jesus had often met there with
 5 His disciples. ³ Judas then, having received the *Roman* cohort and
 6 officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, *came there with
 7 lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ So Jesus, knowing all the
 8 things that were coming upon Him, went forth and *said to them,
 9 “Whom do you seek?” ⁵ They answered Him, “Jesus the
 10 Nazarene.” He *said to them, “I am *He*.” And Judas also, who was
 11 betraying Him, was standing with them. ⁶ So when He said to
 12 them, “I am *He*,” they drew back and fell to the ground.
 13 ⁷ Therefore He again asked them, “Whom do you seek?” And they
 14 said, “Jesus the Nazarene.” ⁸ Jesus answered, “I told you that I am
 15 *He*; so if you seek Me, let these go their way,” ⁹ to fulfill the word
 16 which He spoke, “Of those whom You have given Me I lost not
 17 one.” ¹⁰ Simon Peter then, having a sword, drew it and struck the
 18 high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave’s name
 19 was Malchus. ¹¹ So Jesus said to Peter, “Put the sword into the
 20 sheath; the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink
 21 it?” ¹² So the *Roman* cohort and the commander and the officers of
 22 the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him, ¹³ and led Him to Annas
 23 first; for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest
 24 that year. ¹⁴ Now Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews
 25 that it was expedient for one man to die on behalf of the people.
 26 ¹⁵ Simon Peter was following Jesus, and *so was* another disciple.
 27 Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered with
 28 Jesus into the court of the high priest, ¹⁶ but Peter was standing at
 29 the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high
 30 priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought Peter in.
 31 ¹⁷ Then the slave-girl who kept the door *said to Peter, “You are
 32 not also *one* of this man’s disciples, are you?” He *said, “I am
 33 not.” ¹⁸ Now the slaves and the officers were standing *there*,
 34 having made a charcoal fire, for it was cold and they were
 35 warming themselves; and Peter was also with them, standing and
 36 warming himself. ¹⁹ The high priest then questioned Jesus about
 37 His disciples, and about His teaching. ²⁰ Jesus answered him, “I
 38 have spoken openly to the world; I always taught in synagogues
 39 and in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and I spoke
 40 nothing in secret. ²¹ Why do you question Me? Question those who
 41 have heard what I spoke to them; they know what I said.” ²² When
 42 He had said this, one of the officers standing nearby struck Jesus,
 43 saying, “Is that the way You answer the high priest?” ²³ Jesus
 44 answered him, “If I have spoken wrongly, testify of the wrong; but
 45 if rightly, why do you strike Me?” ²⁴ So Annas sent Him bound to
 46 Caiaphas the high priest.

*Use the suggestions on the back page as a starting point for your own **Observation, Interpretation, and Application.***

Observation (What does it say?):

What do you learn about each of the individuals or groups in this passage?

Jesus

Judas

Peter

another disciple

authorities

any others

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

How would you describe the interaction between various individuals or groups?

What common threads (if any) do you see in the different encounters?

Application (What does it mean for me?):

Which of these situations seems the most stressful to you? How did those involved respond?

What kind of situations are most stressful to you? How do you usually respond?

Additional questions for thought and discussion:

- What parts of this familiar story (from the other Gospels) does John not include? Why do you think that is so?
- Peter directly encounters two people in this passage. What do the two people have in common? Does this passage affect your view of Peter? Should it?

Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation (What does it say?)

*What facts do you **observe** about the passage that help bring out the writer's thought process?*

- Who are the people involved?
- What action takes place?
- What type of literature is it (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are any unusual words used?
- Is there symbolic language?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Are words or ideas repeated?
- Any comparisons or contrasts?
- Any cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose ("in order that...")?
- Are there conclusions ("Therefore...")?
- Are there explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good "headline" for the passage?

Interpretation (What does it mean?)

*What questions come to mind about the facts that would help you **interpret** the meaning?*

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer's thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application (What does it mean for me?)

*What is the impact on your life? What **application** does the Holy Spirit want to show you?*

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

**Read nothing into the Scriptures,
but draw everything from them,
and suffer nothing to remain
hidden that is really in them.
J.A. Benjel (1687-1752)**