



The King of Kings (John 18)

Questions: Week Eighteen

Jesus Arrested - [John 18:1-11](#)

Topics: [Awe](#), [Character](#), [Denial](#), [Doubt](#), [Enemies](#), [Fear](#), [Friendship](#),
[God's Will](#), [Hardheartedness](#), [Intentions](#), [Jesus Christ](#),
[Life-style](#), [Opposition](#), [Protection](#)

Open It

1. *Why might a person betray a cause he or she had actively participated in?
2. When have you ever felt betrayed by a person or a cause that you believed in?

Explore It

3. Where did Jesus and His disciples go when Jesus had finished praying? ([18:1](#))
4. *How did Judas know about the place where Jesus and His disciples had gone? ([18:2](#))
5. Whom did Judas guide into the grove? ([18:3](#))
6. What question did Jesus ask Judas and the others with him? ([18:4](#))
7. How did Jesus identify Himself? ([18:5](#))
8. *How did people react when Jesus identified Himself? ([18:6-7](#))
9. *What did Jesus tell the soldiers and officials to do? ([18:8](#))
10. Why did Jesus tell the soldiers to release His disciples? ([18:9](#))
11. How did Peter respond to the threat to Jesus? ([18:10](#))
12. How did Jesus correct Peter? ([18:11](#))

Get It

13. If you had been with Jesus the night He was arrested, how do you think you would have responded?
14. *How have you been betrayed by a friend?
15. How would you respond if someone betrayed your best friend?
16. In what way are you like Peter?
17. *How is Jesus' response to His betrayal an example for us to follow?
18. How do we betray Jesus with our words and conduct?

Apply It

19. *What do you want to remember about Christ the next time someone lets you down?
20. What aspect of your life-style should you change so that you don't betray Jesus with either your words or deeds?

Jesus Taken to Annas - [John 18:12-14](#)

Topics: [Atonement](#), [Authority](#), [Hardheartedness](#), [Humiliation](#),
[Jesus Christ](#), [Persecution](#), [Unbelievers](#)

Open It

1. About which modern leaders might it be said that they sacrificed their life for their duty?
2. *Who are today's recognized religious authorities?

Explore It

3. What authorities participated in Jesus' arrest? ([18:12](#))
4. Who arrested Jesus? ([18:12](#))
5. What did the soldiers and Jewish officials do to Jesus? ([18:12](#))
6. How was Jesus treated by His captors? ([18:12-13](#))
7. *To whom was Jesus taken first? ([18:13](#))
8. What was Annas' relationship to Caiaphas? ([18:13](#))
9. *What duty was Caiaphas fulfilling that year? ([18:13](#))
10. *About what had Caiaphas advised the Jews? ([18:14](#))
11. Why did Caiaphas think it good that one man die for the people? ([18:14](#))
12. What was ironic about Caiaphas' remarks about Jesus? ([18:14](#))

Get It

13. How do you think Jesus felt when He was arrested?
14. When have you ever felt humiliated for being a Christian?
15. *How would you feel if you were falsely arrested? What would you do?
16. What religious authorities do you respect?
17. *If Jesus were arrested today, to what religious authority might He be taken?

Apply It

18. Following Jesus' example, how will you respond when you are wrongly mistreated?
19. *How should you pray for the religious authorities in your church or denomination this week?

Peter's First Denial - [John 18:15-18](#)

Topics: [Denial](#), [Disobedience](#), [Doubt](#), [Enemies](#), [Forsake](#),
[Hypocrisy](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Loyalty](#), [Privilege](#)

Open It

1. Who is someone you would say is "well connected with the right people"?
2. *Who is someone you would describe as being loyal?
3. When was a time you got caught lying as a child?

Explore It

4. Who followed Jesus? ([18:15](#))
5. How did Peter's companion get into the high priest's courtyard? ([18:15](#))
6. How did the unnamed disciple manage to follow Jesus into the courtyard? ([18:15](#))
7. Why did Peter have to wait outside? ([18:16](#))
8. Where did Peter have to wait? ([18:16](#))
9. *How did Peter get into the courtyard? ([18:16](#))
10. What did the girl at the door of the courtyard ask Peter? ([18:17](#))
11. *How did Peter reply to the question about his association with Jesus? ([18:17](#))
12. Why was Peter standing around with the servants and officials? ([18:18](#))
13. *With whom did Peter warm himself inside the courtyard? ([18:18](#))

Get It

14. What inside connections do you have in the church?
15. How do you use your inside connections in the church and elsewhere?
16. Into what potentially dangerous situations has your faith gotten you?
17. *Under what circumstances might you be tempted to deny knowing Jesus?
18. When and why have you denied knowing Jesus by either your words or your life-style?
19. *With what enemies of Christ do we sometimes associate?

Apply It

20. How can you use your inside connections to benefit others this week?
21. *What can you do to affirm your relationship with Jesus Christ before others?
22. In what areas of your life do you want to express your loyalty to Jesus more openly?

The High Priest Questions Jesus - [John 18:19-24](#)

Topics: [Authority](#), [Challenge](#), [Church](#), [Consequences](#), [Convictions](#), [Courage](#), [Discipline](#), [Disobedience](#), [Enemies](#), [Hardheartedness](#), [Hatred](#), [Injustice](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Persecution](#), [Punishment](#), [Self-righteousness](#), [Unbelievers](#)

Open It

1. *Who is someone who has been harassed for speaking the truth?
2. When do you think it would be necessary to challenge an established authority?

Explore It

3. About what did the high priest question Jesus? ([18:19](#))
4. Who questioned Jesus about His teaching? ([18:19](#))
5. In what way did Jesus say that He had always spoken? ([18:20](#))
6. Where did Jesus say that He had always spoken? ([18:20](#))
7. Why did Jesus advise the high priest to ask those who heard Him? ([18:21](#))
8. *To whom did Jesus tell the high priest he should ask his questions? ([18:21](#))
9. *Why did one of the officials strike Jesus? ([18:22](#))
10. *What did Jesus say in response to being hit? ([18:23](#))
11. To whom did Annas send Jesus? ([18:24](#))
12. How was Jesus sent to Caiaphas? ([18:24](#))

Get It

13. What thoughts do you think were running through Jesus' mind while He was being interrogated?
14. *When have you felt as if you were being interrogated because of your faith?
15. Who are the respected authorities in the church today?
16. When have you found it necessary to challenge a respected authority or belief?
17. What effect do you think Jesus' reply had on the official who hit him?
18. *What would the people with whom you talk on a regular basis say about your "teachings"?
19. When have you been punished or disciplined for speaking the truth?

Apply It

20. *What is one truth you need to speak today regardless of the consequences?
21. What can you change about your speech in order to be a more open and consistent follower of Jesus?

Peter's Second and Third Denials - [John 18:25-27](#)

Topics: [Backslide](#), [Christianity](#), [Circumstances](#), [Commitment](#), [Compromise](#), [Denial](#), [Enemies](#), [Failure](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Life-style](#), [Peer Pressure](#), [Persecution](#), [Self-centeredness](#), [Temptation](#)

Open It

1. *Why are people sometimes tempted to compromise their beliefs, principles, or standards?
2. When have you told a lie that caused you pain later?

Explore It

3. What was Peter doing? ([18:25](#))
4. What question was Peter asked as he tried to keep warm? ([18:25](#))
5. *How did Peter respond to the question about his association with Jesus? ([18:25](#))
6. *Who challenged Peter's statement? ([18:25](#))
7. What did the people around the fire believe to be true about Peter? ([18:25-26](#))
8. To whom was one of the high priest's servants related? ([18:26](#))
9. Where had the high priest's servant seen Peter? ([18:26](#))
10. What did the high priest's servant ask Peter? ([18:26](#))
11. How did Peter respond to the question asked by the high priest's servant? ([18:26-27](#))
12. *What happened the moment Peter denied knowing Christ a third time? ([18:27](#))

Get It

13. What thoughts do you think were running through Peter's mind?
14. *Had you been in Peter's shoes, what reasons might you have had for denying that you were a disciple of Christ?
15. When have you found yourself in a situation that was hostile to Jesus Christ?
16. What self-protective reasons might tempt us to deny that we are followers of Christ?
17. *When and where is it hardest for you to openly acknowledge your relationship with Christ?

Apply It

18. *Under what circumstances do you need to determine to live openly as a follower of Christ?
19. What pressure should you ask God to help you resist?
20. What self-centered attitude will you ask God to help you change?

Jesus Before Pilate - [John 18:28-40](#)

Topics: [Acceptance](#), [Ambition](#), [Consequences](#), [Fear](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Justice](#), [Kingdom of God/Heaven](#), [Law](#), [Legalism](#), [Obedience](#), [Opposition](#), [Peer Pressure](#), [Position](#), [Priorities](#), [Rationalizing](#), [Rules](#), [Status](#), [Truth](#)

Open It

1. *How might a politician rationalize his or her bending of the rules in order to please a group of concerned citizens?
2. When have you been tempted to do what works rather than what's right?

Explore It

3. Why didn't the Jews who lead Jesus to the Roman governor enter the palace? ([18:28](#))
4. How did the Jews introduce Jesus to the governor Pilate? ([18:28-30](#))
5. *What did Pilate want the Jews to do with Jesus? ([18:31](#))
6. How was prophecy fulfilled by this event? ([18:32](#))
7. What question did Pilate ask Jesus? ([18:33](#))
8. What question did Jesus ask Pilate in reply? ([18:34](#))
9. What did Jesus tell Pilate about His kingdom? ([18:36](#))
10. *How did Jesus affirm Pilate? ([18:37](#))
11. What last question did Pilate have for Jesus? ([18:38](#))
12. *What choice did Pilate present to the Jews? ([18:38-39](#))
13. What choice did the Jews make? ([18:40](#))

Get It

14. Why is it easier to observe religious traditions than to love other people?
15. *When have you felt betrayed or used by people hiding behind religious motives?
16. *When, like Jesus, have you been willing to stand your ground regardless of the consequences?
17. When, like Pilate, have you been willing to sacrifice your principles in order to do something self-serving?
18. How would you answer the question, "What is truth?"
19. How is Jesus the King in your life?

Apply It

20. *In what settings might you need to stand up for the truth this week regardless of the consequences?
21. What is one way you can rearrange your priorities this week in honor of God as King over you?