



A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Preview of Lesson 21
John 18
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MEMORIAL DRIVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Go To Dark Gethsemane

www.youtube.com/watch?v=o09BMI-whLA

Memory Verse for Lesson 20

I am the vine; you are the branches.

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

Jesus' Arrest and Trials

Preview of Lesson 21

1. The Arrest and Trials

- Outline of the Arrest and Trials
- Background to the Arrest and Trials

2. Travesty of Jewish and Roman Justice

- Irregular Procedures in Jewish and Roman Law
- Dilemma of Pontius Pilate

3. Going deeper into the text

Outline of the Trials

ACT ONE: The Arrest (18: 1-11)

ACT TWO: Hearing Before Annas (18: 12-14)

INTERMISSION: Peter's Denials (18: 15-18, 25-27)

ACT THREE: Trial Before Pilate (18: 28-40)

INTERMISSION: Flogging and Mocking (19:1-3)

ACT FOUR: Pilate Collapses (19: 4-16a)

ACT One: The Arrest

1. Why Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane
2. The combined Roman-Jewish posse
3. Peter's rash action

ACT TWO: Hearing Before Annas

IRREGULAR PROCEDURES UNDER JEWISH LAW

1. Hearing Before Annas
2. Annas questions Jesus
3. Jesus Slapped by Temple guard

INTERMISSION: Peter's Denials

1. Who was “the other disciple” who got Peter into the residence of Annas the high priest?
2. The three who questioned Peter
 - a servant girl
 - several around the courtyard fire
 - a relative of Malchus, who Peter attacked

ACT THREE: Trial Before Pilate

IRREGULAR PROCEDURES UNDER ROMAN LAW

1. Hearsay: A statement made out of court that is offered in court as evidence to prove the truth of the matter asserted. Second hand evidence.
2. Jesus was not guilty of any crime under Roman law.
3. Jewish capital punishment was stoning, not crucifixion which was a Roman punishment.

ACT THREE: Trial Before Pilate

The Dilemma of Pontius Pilate

- 1. Who was Pontius Pilate?**
- 2. History of Conflict and Collapse**
- 3. Custom of releasing a prisoner at Passover**

Intermission: Flogging and Mocking

- **Flogging was the usual accompaniment to crucifixion.**
- **Pilate displayed Jesus afterward hoping to appeal to the sympathy of the crowd so they would call for Jesus' release.**

ACT FOUR: Collapse of Pilate

The Collapse of Pilate – Chapter 19: 4-16a

- When the crowd continues to call for the release of Barabbas, Pilate collapses.**
- Collapse in the face of conflict was typical of Pilate.**

Going deeper into the Text

From the
garden of Eden
to the garden of
Gethsemane

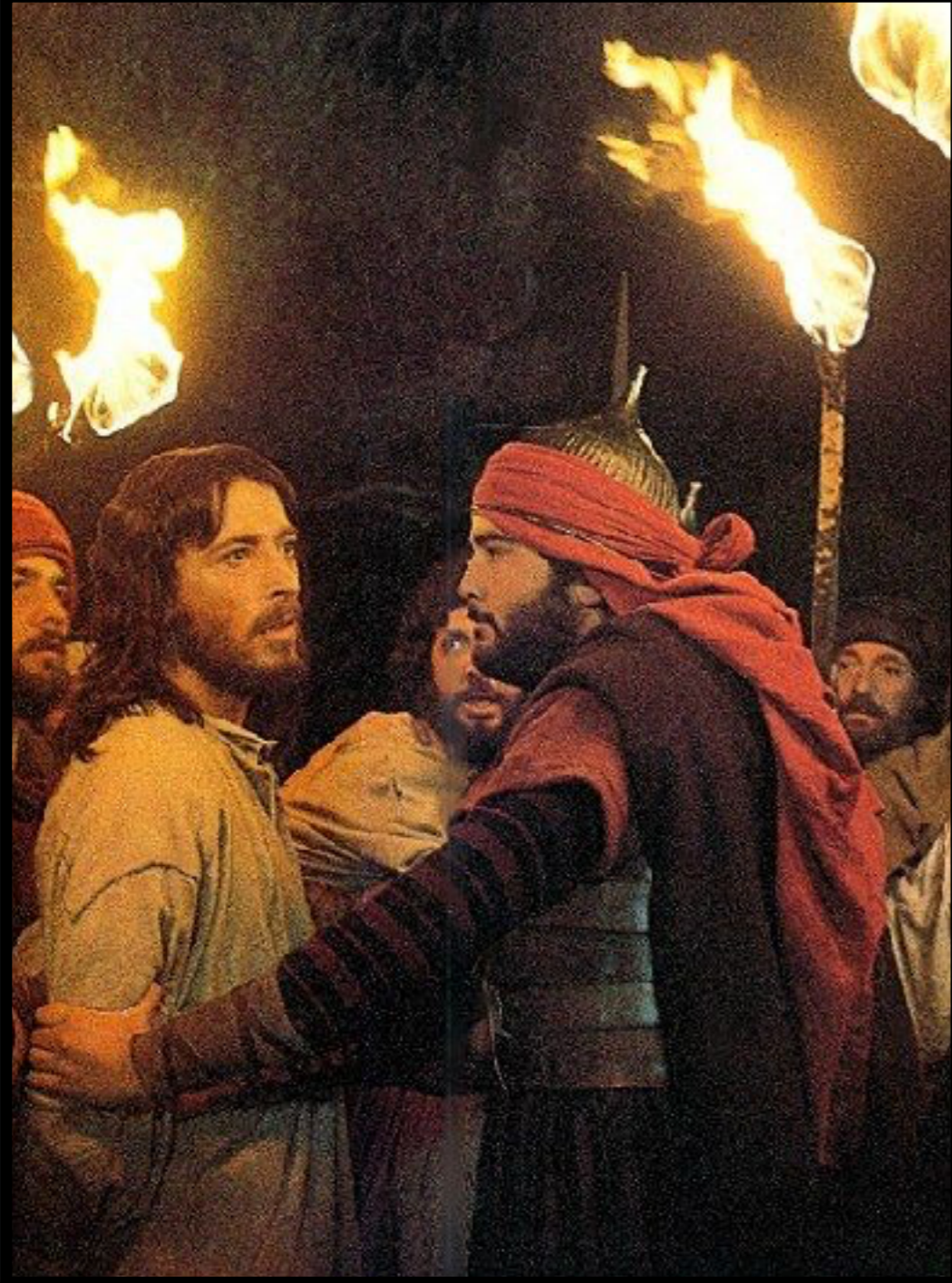


Going Deeper into the Text



Jesus identifies himself using the Greek words “Ego Eimi” which translates as “I AM WHO I AM”. This is the name of God from Exodus 3:14. This was recognized as a claim of deity and terrified the soldiers.

Going deeper into the Text



LIGHT OF THE WORLD



Going deeper into the Text

“Even at the time of arrest, John would have Jesus confront the unbelieving cosmos.” Rudolph Schnackenburg

The unbelieving cosmos is represented by the Gentile Romans, the Jewish people of God and the apostate disciple, Judas.

Going deeper into the Text

John 18: 8 “...let these men go.”



Exodus 3:1 “Go in to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, “Let my people go, that they may serve me.”’

Going Deeper into the Text

Pontius Pilate asks Jesus “What is Truth?”



“I am the Way, the TRUTH, and the Life.”

Applying the Lesson in Your Life

Is there such a thing as absolute truth?

If so, how would you describe it?

If not, why not?

