

# *“Jesus’ Power Revealed”*

**John 18:1-9**

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## Introduction

- Tribute to my good friend, Joe Hesh.
- None greater in drawing people to Himself than Jesus Christ.
  - His preaching was powerful—Matthew 27:28-29
  - His claims were bold
  - His works backed up His claims
  - Results—Many believed
- Rejection by the religious elite
  - Viewed Jesus as a threat to their power—John 11:47-52
  - Looked for a way to seize him without a riot
  - Judas agrees to betray Jesus—Luke 22:4-6

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- A. Jesus demonstrates that HE is in charge—John 18:1-4
1. Judas comes heavily armed, prepared for flight or fight.
  2. But Jesus sovereignly arranged the time and place of his arrest.
    - a. Jesus knew that it was time for darkness to reign—Luke 22
    - b. Jesus chose Gethsemane to avoid a riot—not time to establish His kingdom, but to die for the sins of the world.
  3. Jesus voluntarily surrenders—John 10:17-18
- B. Jesus demonstrates that He is GOD—John 18:4-9
1. What about the “kiss”?—Mark 14:44; Matt. 26:49
  2. Jesus reveals Himself as “I AM”—God in the flesh. Exod. 3:14; John 8:24, 28, 58
  3. The Arresting Parties’ response: Fell backward and down!
    - a. Judas is included in the group—18:5
    - b. Was this caused by the “domino” effect?
    - c. Meaning of the Greek word “fell”
    - d. Response similar to those who find themselves in God’s presence.—Ezekiel 1:28; 44:4; Dan 8:8; 10:9; Acts 9:4; Rev. 1:17
    - e. Voluntary or involuntary?
    - f. Temporary—John 18:7-9 Demonstrates the hardness of heart
- C. Jesus demonstrates that He is the Good Shepherd—John 18:7-9
1. As the good shepherd, Jesus shields his disciples from arrest.
  2. Jesus’ promised to stand guard over the spiritual welfare of his followers, keeping them with a view to eternal life—John 6:37-40
  3. Jesus knew that his disciples’ faith was weak—Luke 22; Mark 14
  4. Does this mean that our salvation can be lost if our faith fails?