

# Jesus, Rejected of all men!

- I want to challenge each of you to not be hearers and learners of God's Word but doers
- I worry that we might be big on Bible study and little on Bible practice
- How are you putting what you learn to practice in your personal life and ministry?
- While they reject Jesus how do you show that you accept and love Him
- Are you ready to face great testing and temptation that might come on you
- How are you sharing your faith and magnifying the Lord Jesus
- Are you carefully leading your family to grow in the Lord and His Word
  - Faithful to as much as possible at church, Bible studies etc
  - Seeing a good testimony in you and your spouse
  - Learning about grace and walking in what Jesus has already done for all of us!

**John 18:1** When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples. **2** And **Judas** also, **which betrayed him**, knew the place: **for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither** with his disciples. **3 Judas then**, having received a band *of men* and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. **4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him**, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? **5** They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am *he*. And **Judas** also, which betrayed him, stood with them. **6** As soon then as he had said unto them, I am *he*, **they went backward**, and fell to the ground. **7** Then asked he them again, **Whom seek ye?** And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. **8** Jesus answered, I have told you that I am *he*: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way: **9** That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.

**10 Then Simon Peter** having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's

name was Malchus. **11** Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: **the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?**

**12** Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, **13** And led him away **to Annas first;** for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year. **14** Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

**15** And **Simon Peter followed Jesus,** and *so did another disciple:* that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. **16** **But Peter stood at the door without.** Then went out that **other disciple,** which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. **17** Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also *one* of this man's disciples? He saith, **I am not.** **18** And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself.

19 The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine. 20 Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and **in secret have I said nothing.** 21 Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said. 22 And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? 23 Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me? 24 Now Annas had sent him **bound unto Caiaphas the high priest.**

25 And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also *one* of his disciples? He denied *it*, and said, **I am not.** 26 One of the servants of the high priest, being *his* kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him? 27 Peter then **denied again:** and immediately the cock crew.

28 Then led they Jesus **from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment:** and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover. 29 **Pilate** then went out unto

them, and said, **What accusation bring ye against this man?** 30 They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee. 31 Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, **It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:** 32 That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.

33 Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, **Art thou the King of the Jews?** 34 Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? 35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: **what hast thou done?** 36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. 37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, **I find in him no fault at all.** 39 But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews? 40 Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber.

- Jesus is rejected of men, it was prophesied and it is now happening **Isaiah 53:3** He is despised and rejected of men; A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: And we hid as it were *our* faces from him; He was despised, and we esteemed him not.
  - Check out **John 1:11** He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
1. Nothing surprised Jesus. He knew. He had told them what would happen. He is willingly laying down His life! 4 **Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him,** went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?
    - a. Do not see Jesus as a victim in this story but rather an intentional Savior **John 10:15-18** As the Father knoweth

me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd. 17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

- b. He has told them repeatedly what was going to happen so they would believe in Him
- c. Remember this was prophesied in the Old Testament, prophesied by Jesus, so we know that He is God and that His will has happened
- d. Remember that even when they came to take Jesus His words were so strong that they fell down 6 *As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.*
- e. This is not something that the disciples made up later to develop a new religion

2. Judas, an intimate friend, a fake believer, seeks to destroy Jesus, rejects Him **2** And **Judas** also, **which betrayed him**, knew the place: **for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither** with his disciples. **3 Judas then**, having received a band *of men* and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. **5** They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am *he*. And **Judas** also, which betrayed him, stood with them.

- a. This has been prophesied in the Old Testament and Jesus also told them
- b. Judas served God with ulterior motives
  - i. Possibly the idea that he would be somebody in the new kingdom
  - ii. Possibly thinking, politically, that Israel would throw off Rome and be free again
  - iii. The ability to steal money for personal use
  - iv. The prestige of being part of something so spectacular
- c. Judas had learned to fake all the externals that made people believe
  - i. The apostles believed that Judas was a good man



- ii. They trusted Him with the money
  - iii. At the last supper there was no idea that the betrayer had to be Judas
  - d. How many of us might be hooked up to Jesus and the church without it being real
    - i. It would be a shame to die and go to hell after having been that close to the truth
    - ii. How many of us have learned to play the part but nothing really happens in our hearts
    - iii. How many of us have been in the business of training people to be good impostors, fakes, not the real thing even though it looks like it, cosmetic jewelry
  - e. Maybe right now is a time to reevaluate our lives and make sure that we are true believers, not church members, not baptized, not accepted by other believers but truly born again
3. Now Peter, a believer who loves Jesus very much, denies knowing Jesus, rejecting Him
- a. First Peter is sure that he will stand with Jesus though no one else will

- b. Peter tries to defend Jesus and keep them from taking Him **10 Then Simon Peter** having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. **11** Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: **the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?**
- i. Don't forget Jesus had told Peter to get behind him, Satan, because Peter wanted to protect him
  - ii. Now he pulls a sword and defends Jesus
  - iii. Jesus reminds Peter that He fully intends to die, drink of the cup!
- c. Peter stands with the world and denies that he knows Jesus **17** Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also *one* of this man's disciples? He saith, **I am not.** **18** And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and **Peter stood with them, and warmed himself.**
- d. Peter denies Jesus two more times **25** And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also *one* of his disciples? He denied *it*, and

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- e. Peter was a true believer but prideful to think that he would be able to handle temptation
  - i. Peter loved Jesus and had all the best intentions
  - ii. Peter was critical of other believers thinking that maybe he alone would be able to stand
- f. It is easy for us to be cocky about how we will handle things that might happen and be totally unprepared
  - i. We believe too much in ourselves
  - ii. We never expect that the pressure will cause us to cave
  - iii. We are prepared to be fair weather Christians but when the storms come we are caught unawares
- g. Of course you know that Jesus is praying for Peter even in this, is not angry, and will allow him to preach the day of Pentecost in just a few days
- h. You are loved and accepted even when you fail

4. The lost religious world rejects and judges Jesus 12 **Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took**

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- a. Caiaphas thought it would be a good deal for one to die and stop the movement against his religion **14** Now **Caiaphas** was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.
- b. Jesus answers the high priest that He has been very open in what He has taught and preached **20** Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and **in secret have I said nothing.**

21 Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, **they know what I said.**

- c. Jesus is unashamed of His answers even though the high priest is offended 22 And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? 23 Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?
- d. Jesus is shuffled from judge to judge 24 Now

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- e. Their desire was that Jesus would die and they couldn't bring that kind of judgment 29 **Pilate** then went out unto them, and said, **What accusation bring ye against**

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- i. We aren't in this group. We don't want to kill Him but there are some questions that I might suggest
  1. Do you love Him enough to serve Him
  2. Do you just stand by and watch how the world treats him
  3. Do you deny Him instead of risking your reputation
  4. How much do you love Him
  5. How loyal are you to Him

5. Pilate judges Him, finds no fault and also rejects Him 33

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- a. When Pilate asks the question Jesus uses it as an opportunity to witness 33 Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, **Art thou the King of the Jews?** 34 Jesus answered



him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?

- b. Pilate thinks of Jesus as having a religion just for the Jews that doesn't affect Him **35** Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: **what hast thou done?**
- c. Jesus tells Pilate that He is not trying to set up an earthly kingdom **36** Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.
- d. Pilate hears and rejects truth though he decides not to prosecute, finding no fault in Him at all **37** Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. **38** Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, **I find in him no fault at all.**

6. The same world that welcomed Him on Palm Sunday now chooses a thief and criminal over Jesus, rejecting Jesus **39** But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews? **40** Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber.

- a. The crowd was easily affected by the religious leaders
- b. They quickly saw Jesus as a problem
- c. They had followed Him by the thousands but when they didn't get what they wanted they turned on Jesus
- d. Jesus is never loved unless it is to get something from Him
- e. He had called people to follow Him, take up a cross, and die, Jesus might be interesting if He weren't so demanding

7. How do I apply this to my life

- a. I need to realize that there are many that claim to be saved that are not
- b. I need to realize that I may not be prepared for the crisis coming in my life and begin to get prepared

- i. What happens if there is an unexpected death in the family or we hear the word Cancer
  - ii. What happens if we get word that we are going to die
  - iii. What happens if we are put in a bind by our friends and other lost people. Will we be able to stand firm
  - iv. How much do I fill my mind with the Word of God and learn His way of thinking
  - v. Am I asking for grace to be prepared to give Him glory no matter what happens to me, financial problems, temptation, death, etc
- c. I need to understand that religion never accepts Jesus, grace, forgiveness, etc
  - d. The world like Pilate sees faith as a personal thing that they have little or no respect for
  - e. The lost will choose other sinners over Jesus