

John 18:1-27 Study Guide (NKJV)

Scriptures in Study Guide:

Scriptures (NKJV) are within the daily lessons to make things simpler for the fill in the blank areas. You will use your Bible for other areas so I would encourage you to have it physically with you when you do your daily lesson. If you have any questions, write them down and we'll discuss them when we meet Sunday mornings at 9:45 am.

Lesson format:

1. **Pray** that God will open your heart and eyes to see what He wants to teach you.
2. **Do the lessons daily.** I encourage you to schedule a time to do them. If we don't, though, make it a priority then our busyness will rob us of this time with God. (Matthew 13:22). We have to be intentional.
3. **Read the scripture for the day out loud (like we do together).** There is something about us "hearing" ourselves read that helps us remember.

Day 1 - Read John 18: 1-6 out loud and complete verses:

1 When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. **2** And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples. **3** Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. **4** Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?" **5** They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. **6** Now when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground.

Verse 1:

- When _____ had spoken these words, He went out with His _____ over the Brook Kidron, where there was a _____, which He and His disciples entered.
- **Question:** Where are Jesus and His disciples at the end of verse 1? _____.

Context Background:

- The words that Jesus had spoken were the High Priestly prayer in John 17. Jesus prayed for Himself, for His disciples, and for us ("all those who would believe through their word" **John 17:20**). Once Jesus' prayer was finished, He went with His disciples to the garden. **Matthew 26:36-46** and **Mark 14:32-42** tell the name of this garden. It is the Garden of _____.

Verse 2:

- And _____, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples.
- **Questions:**
- What is the person's name who betrayed Jesus to the Jewish religious leaders? _____.
- How did Judas know where to find Jesus? _____.

Verse 3:

- Then Judas, having received a _____ of troops, and officers from the chief priests and _____, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

Verse 4:

- Jesus therefore, knowing _____ things that would come upon Him, went _____ and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?"
- **Question:** How much did Jesus know that was about to happen to Him? _____
(cross reference: **Hebrews 12:2**)

Verse 5-6:

- They answered Him, "Jesus of _____." Jesus said to them, "I _____ *He*." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them.
- Now when He said to them, "I am *He*," they drew back and _____ to the ground.
- **Questions:** Why do you think that when Jesus said "I am *He*", they all fell to the ground? Whose Name is "I am"? _____
(Cross reference: **Exodus 3:13-15, John 1:14**)

Day 2 - Read John 18: 7-11 out loud and complete verses:

7 Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." **8** Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am *He*. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way," **9** that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none." **10** Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. **11** So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?"

Verse 7:

- Then He asked them again, "Whom are you _____?" And they said, "_____ of Nazareth."
- **Question:** Why do you think that Jesus asked the officers twice? _____.

Verse 8:

- Jesus answered, "I have _____ you that I am *He*."
- Therefore, if you seek Me, let _____ go their way,"
- **Question:** Who do you think "these" are that Jesus wants the soldiers to "let go their way"? _____.

Verse 9:

- Jesus said these things so "that the saying might be _____ which He spoke, "Of those whom _____ gave Me I have _____ none."
- **Question:** How many did Jesus loose? _____ (cross reference: **John 17:12**)

Verse 10:

- Then Simon _____, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right _____. The servant's name was _____.
- Malchus was the servant of the _____ priest.

Context Background:

- At this point in history, the high priest was more like an office that someone held and Malchus was his servant. Jesus, as seen in John 17's prayer as well as what Jesus was about to accomplish on the cross, was the ultimate High Priest (see **Hebrews 9:12**).
- **Further study** (if you would like to compare the other gospel accounts to see the full picture of what happened in these garden moments, see **Matthew 26:50-56, Mark 14:46-50, Luke 22:49-53**)

In **verse 11**,

- So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your _____ into the sheath. Shall I not drink the _____ which My Father has _____ Me?"

Context Background:

- In the Old Testament, a "cup" was viewed as God's Divine wrath. This wrath would be poured out on Jesus, as God's Son, on the cross to pay for **every** sin that would be committed. God treated Jesus on the cross as if He were the sinner. And we, as God's children through our faith in Jesus as God's Son and His payment of our sins upon the cross, are treated as if we have lived the righteousness of Jesus Christ. This is known as **Imputation** ("humanity's sins are imputed to Christ, and Christ's righteousness is imputed to believers, essentially making it theirs before God. ").
- This privilege, though, is only reserved for those who recognize the Father through His Son, Jesus and His death upon the cross. The only unforgivable sin is rejecting God's Son since an unsaved person must account for their own sins instead of Jesus Christ covering them with His blood on the cross. And there is no way a human person can meet the standard of Deity without Jesus Christ. And once we are saved, Jesus becomes our Lord. It must be both (He saves us from our sins and becomes our Lord). We, ourselves, would never purchase something to own and then be okay with the seller to continue to do what they wanted with what we bought. It is ours. And we are His. As Jesus said "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." (**John 14:21**)

Day 3 - Read John 18: 12-17 out loud and complete verses

12 Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. **13** And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year. **14** Now it was Caiaphas who advised 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. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. **16** But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in. **17** Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also *one* of this Man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

Verse 12:

- Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews _____ Jesus and _____ Him.

Verse 13:

- And they led Him away to _____ first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high _____ that year.
- **Question:** Who did they take Jesus to first? _____.

Verse 14:

- Now it was _____ who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should _____ for the people.

Context Background:

This verse refers back to **John 11:49-50**: "But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." This was a response when the Jewish leaders began to plot Jesus' death. God did put these words in Caiaphas' mouth. Unfortunately, based upon Caiaphas' involvement within this mock trial and subsequent murder of Jesus, Caiaphas didn't understand the fullness of what he had spoken.

Verse 15:

- And Simon Peter _____ Jesus, and so did another[_____].
- Now that disciple was _____ to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the _____ of the high priest.

Verse 16:

- But Peter stood at the door _____.
 - Then the _____ disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought _____ in.
 - **Question:** how did Peter and this “other” disciple get close to Jesus in the courtyard? (See vv. 15-16)
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In **verse 17,**

- Then the servant girl who _____ the door said to Peter, “You are not _____ one of this Man’s _____, are you?”
- He said, “I am _____.”
- **Question:** Why do you think Peter reacted that way since he was ready to fight with the sword (v. 10) in the garden? _____

Day 4 - Read John 18: 18-24 out loud and complete verses

18 Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself. **19** The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine. **20** Jesus answered him, “I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. **21** Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said.” **22** And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, “Do You answer the high priest like that?” **23** Jesus answered him, “If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?” **24** Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Verse 18:

- Now the servants and _____ who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was _____, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood _____ them and warmed himself.

Verse 19:

- The high priest then asked _____ about His disciples and His _____.
- **Doctrine** - beliefs taught (so Annas is asking Jesus to explain His teachings). As Christians, our doctrine is the scripture alone since we believe it to be God’s Word. (see **2 Timothy 3:16-17**)

Verse 20:

- Jesus answered him,
 - “I spoke _____ to the world.
 - I always _____ in synagogues and in the temple, where the _____ always meet,
 - and in secret I have said _____.

Verse 21:

- Why do you _____ Me?
- Ask those who have heard Me _____ I said to them. Indeed they _____ what I said.”
- **Question:** What do you hear Jesus saying here in response to the Annas’ question in verse 19?

Verse 22:

- And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by _____ Jesus with the palm of his _____, saying, “Do You _____ the high priest like that?”

Verse 23:

- Jesus answered him, “_____ I have spoken evil, bear _____ of the evil; but if well, _____ do you strike Me?”

Verse 24:

- Then Annas sent Him _____ to Caiaphas the high priest.

Day 5 - Read John 18: 25-27 out loud and complete verses

25 Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore they said to him, “You are not also *one* of His disciples, are you?” He denied *it* and said, “I am not!” **26** One of the servants of the high priest, a relative *of* him whose ear Peter cut off, said, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?” **27** Peter then denied again; and immediately a rooster crowed.

Verse 25:

- Now Simon Peter _____ and warmed himself.
- Therefore they said to him, “You are not also _____ of His disciples, are you?”
- He _____ it and said, “I am not!”
- **Thought question:** Think about the proximity of everyone outside in the cold warming themselves by the communal fire. What would this “outside condition” create in regards to people noticing others and inviting conversation? _____.

Verse 26:

- One of the servants of the high priest, a _____ of him whose _____ Peter cut off, said, “Did I not see you in the _____ with Him?”
- **Question:** According to verse 10 of Day 2, whose relative would this be? _____.

Verse 27:

- Peter then _____ again; and _____ a rooster crowed.

Context Background:

The denials of Peter are a crucial example of how God sovereignly knows who we are better than we know ourselves.

- In **Luke 22:31**, what does Jesus tell Simon Peter that devil has demanded?

- In **Luke 22:32**, what has Jesus done for Simon Peter in the midst of being sifted by the devil? _____.

- In **Luke 22:32**, what is the prayer that Jesus told Simon Peter that He would pray for him?
_____.
- In **Luke 22:33**, what is Simon Peter's response to Jesus that he will be sifted by the devil and Jesus is praying for him?
_____.
- By his response in **Luke 22:33**, do you think that Simon Peter believes that he would be susceptible to the devil? Would you say that Simon Peter is prideful here?
_____.
- In **Luke 22:34**, what does Jesus tell Simon Peter that he will do?
_____.
- **Luke 22:61-62** gives a personal account of what happened fully between Jesus and Simon Peter in that last of those 3 denials. What happened?
_____.
- Now **the good news** - God never leaves a sinner where they are if they are truly seeking Him.
 - In **John 21:15-25**, how many times did Jesus ask Peter if he loved Him and then gave Peter direction in what his work for God would be? _____. The same as each denial.

Additional Notes: