

[BELIEVER'S BIBLE STUDY]

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

## Chapter 18

### INTRODUCTION...

Chapter 18 begins the trial and crucifixion process of Jesus. After having prayed for His disciples and preparing them for His departure, Jesus then proceeds to love them to the end (13:1). Knowing all that He should undergo, He willingly gives himself up for the sake of His people...He drinks the cup the Father gives him. Likewise, as believers in Jesus, as those purified by his blood for the sake of glorifying God, we too must drink the cup the Father gives us. Unlike Jesus' cup of punishment, our cup is one filled with mercy and grace, but also mandates a giving up of ourselves to God for His purposes. The next time you are struggling with giving something up for the sake of Jesus, remember what He gave up for us...HIS LIFE!

Be sure that you read the questions carefully to make sure that you have answered the complete question. You will notice that some of the questions may have more than one part.

Remember that you will be using the Inductive Bible Study (IBS) method of study. Which means that in each study you will be required to make observations, interpretations and application of what you have observed and interpreted? (see further explanation in Study #1)

### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE...

*John 18:37b*

*"For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."*

*NKJV*

### THIS WEEKS BIBLE STUDY...CHAPTER EIGHTEEN...

Be sure and pray before you begin your bible study, asking the Lord to reveal those things that He wants you to know from the text you are reading.

Read through the chapter, at least twice, and then answer the following questions. Be sure to write the Scripture reference to support your answer.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The last four chapters of the Gospel of John tell about the arrest, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. These events are the corner stone of the Gospel. Without the death of Jesus, we would have no atonement for our sins; without His resurrection we would have no proof that Jesus is the Messiah; without His ascension we would have no advocate to the Father on our behalf and no Helper to guide us in our walk. It is of the utmost importance that we understand these events as fully as possible. That is why it is vital that we look at what all four Gospel accounts tell us about these events. In order to accurately answer the following questions you will need to read and reference all four Gospel accounts on the events. Be sure to sight your specific scripture references for your answers.

What ‘words’ is John referring to in vs. 1?

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How did Judas know about the place they would be?

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Where were the troops and officers from?

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Why did Judas need to identify Jesus with a kiss?

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Why do you think “they drew back and fell to the ground”?

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What do we know about Peter from vs. 10?

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Why did Jesus tell Peter to put away his sword?

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What did Jesus mean by, “Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me”?

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Who was Annas? Who was Caiaphas?

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Why do you think Peter stood at the door outside?

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How was Peter able to get into the courtyard?

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What do you think was going through Peter's mind the first time he denied that he knew Jesus?

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What did the High Priest ask Jesus about?

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What was Jesus' response and why did he respond the way that he did?

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Why did the officer hit Jesus?

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What was the most horrible part of Peter denying Jesus? (See Luke)

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What did Peter do after he denied Jesus the third time?

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What was a Praetorium?

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Why did the Jews not go into the Praetorium?

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Who was Pilate?

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Why did Pilate say what he did in vs. 31?

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Why did the Jews bring Jesus to Pilate in the first place?

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Why was Pilate asking Jesus if He was “King of the Jews”?

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What was Jesus saying in vs. 36? (Explain your answer)

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What do you think was going on in Pilate’s mind and heart during his conversation with Jesus?

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What did Jesus mean when he said “For this cause I was born...”? (vs. 37)

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Why do you think Pilate asked Jesus “What is truth”?

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What is the most significant thing about what Pilate said in vs. 38 as it pertains to our salvation?

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What do we know about Barabbas?

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Why did the Jews want Barabbas released instead of Jesus?

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Write down some of the things that the Lord spoke to your heart while studying Chapter 18?

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QUESTIONS?...

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