



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### **John 18:1-11 Study Hints for Discussion**

#### **[Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further](#)**

are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The [Class Preparation Guide](#) includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the [Verse-by-Verse Scripture Handout](#), which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

#### **1. Who came to arrest Jesus? Why do you think so many came?**

Judas, soldiers, and police from the High Priests and Pharisees. They knew Jesus had eleven disciples who might fight. They knew Jesus might try to run away and they might need to find Him in a dark garden or wherever else He might flee. They knew Jesus had power, but they did not know that He had the ability to call down an angel army if He wanted to do so. They did not anticipate that He might peacefully go with them when arrested.

#### **2. Why do you think they asked to see “Jesus of Nazareth”?**

The name Jesus was common. Jesus was from Nazareth and this helped identify Him. However, they might have used it in a derogatory way, since Nathanael had asked “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” (John 1:46). Notice they did not ask for the Rabbi Jesus or the Prophet named Jesus, and they all knew something of Jesus’ ministry. The temple police had gone to arrest Jesus before, and they had failed. They told the chief priests and Pharisees, “Never has anyone spoken like this!” (John 7:45-46).

**3. In John 17, what prayer or words of Jesus did the Father and He fulfill when He was arrested?**

Jesus prayed that His Holy Father would protect them, and He said that He had protected them, and none were lost but Judas that the Scripture might be fulfilled (see John 17:11-12).

**4. What are some character traits that we learn from Simon Peter’s actions?**

Simon was courageous up to a point. He used what he had at hand to try to help Jesus. He was quick to take action that he thought was appropriate to help someone or keep them from being hurt.

## **5. What did Jesus say to Simon Peter about His actions? What do Jesus' statements mean to you?**

Jesus told him to put his sword back into its sheath (Jesus did not say put it down or throw it away or we must not use swords). Jesus said that He must drink the cup that the Father had given Him. This cup is sometimes referred to as the cup of suffering. It was the Father's will that Jesus suffer, die, and rise again for the just and merciful forgiveness of sins.

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