



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 18:12-24 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. Why do you think both Roman soldiers and temple police were sent to arrest of Jesus?

Previously, Jesus had walked through crowds that wanted to stone Him and He had disappeared when some tried to detain Him. He spoke with such wisdom and authority that the temple police sent to arrest Him did not do so; therefore, the high priests could not trust them do arrest Him. He was so powerful, the high priests thought they needed an army to overpower Jesus and arrest Him; also, they knew they might need to fight His disciples.

2. Who were the two priests who tried Jesus? Who prophesied about Jesus? What did he prophesy? Was his prophecy true? How do you know?

Annas and Caiaphas. Caiaphas: “It was better to have one person die for the people.” Jesus died for the sins of people. The Bible tells me so and Jesus rose from the dead. I know His forgiveness is real from experience.

3. Who do you think was the “another disciple”? Give a reason for your answer. Who did he know that enabled him to stay close to Jesus?

I think the other disciple was John, and so does Christian tradition. The accounts of Jesus' trial before the priests and before Pilate give evidence that at least two people witnessed Jesus' trial and heard Him speak at His trials. These witnesses would be Peter and John. John knew the high priest and John also stayed close to Jesus' mother, Mary, at the foot of the cross.

4. How did Jesus speak in the world? What did He say in secret? Why is knowing this important to believers in Jesus?

Jesus spoke and taught openly in the world for all to hear and testify to what He said. He taught no secret truths. There are no secret teachings of Jesus hidden in ancient books and those books that some claim to be Jesus' secret teachings often contradict what the Bible clearly teaches.

5. What did Jesus testify to that was wrong that led the Him to be struck?

Nothing.

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