



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 18:1-11

Lord Jesus, as the Word of God, You created all things and all things were created through You, and yet you humbled yourself and entered our world as the Word made flesh. You came not only to teach the truth of God and the truth of reality to us, but You came to love us and live and die in our behalf. You came to die after the betrayal by one of Your disciples and after an arrest by an army You could have easily defeated by calling down angels or by empowering Your disciples to fight for You. Thank You for revealing once again the truth about yourself as they arrested You, for when they asked for Jesus of Nazareth, You replied with and gave them the name of the one true God revealed to Israel and said, "I AM." You applied to yourself the name God gave to Moses at the burning bush. Those who arrested You saw You briefly as One far greater than a carpenter from Nazareth and they stepped back and fell to the ground. We praise and honor You because You not only wanted the will of our Father to be done, but You also perfectly did the will of Your Father. We pray that You would help us live more perfectly as Your disciples. Remind us as we pray for Your will to be done that we also need to be willing to pray and obey all Your commands and do Your will day-by-day. Thank You for protecting Your disciples according to the Scriptures and thank You for Your prayer in their behalf and our behalf, for we know that You and our Father will protect us so that no matter what happens to us, even if we suffer persecution and death, that we will live eternally with You and all who love You. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Please Note: I first learned about "Praying Through the Bible" from Edith Schaeffer, the wife of Francis Schaeffer. You might like to close your class with the above prayer as a way of beginning to teach your class how they too can pray through the Bible. First, you might like to teach your class how to pray through the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* each week. [Perhaps some of them would learn how to pray through portions of the Bible during their daily Bible reading and quiet time.] Second, a week in advance, perhaps some of your students would like to write their own "Prayer Through the Bible" using the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* and read their prayer at the close of class. Third, eventually, your students will be able to pray through the Bible without needing to write their prayer in advance before they pray at the end of class. If you would like to learn more about prayer from Edith Schaeffer, read [*How God Teaches Us to Pray: Lessons from the Lives of Francis and Edith Schaeffer*](#), Kindle Edition, by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

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