

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

JOHN 18:1-11

“GUILT, GRACE & GLORY IN THE GARDEN”

Introduction

What is the Biblical author’s purpose or theological agenda for writing this particular book? Why did the Holy Spirit inspire this author to write this book with this focus and with these details?

John 20:30-31 - “Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.”

What does it mean that Jesus is “the Christ” and “the Son of God”?

John 1:14 -

John 1:1-3 -

How can the majesty and glory of Christ be seen in the cross, be seen in His arrest, be seen in His brutal beating & mocking?

Note: In John 18-19, we get to walk with Jesus to cross and as we walk with Him we will see His Supreme Authority... His Sovereign Protection... and His Stubborn Obedience.

I. Walking with Jesus to the Cross

A. Jesus’ Supreme Authority (verses 1-6)

Note: To get to the garden, Jesus and His disciples had to cross the Kidron Brook.

John MacArthur - “A symbolic reality must have faced our Lord when He crossed that little brook. Up in the temple ground, through that and the next day, there was a massacre of lambs. All the Passover lambs were being slaughtered, and their blood was running down the altar like a river, and it would run into channels, and those channels would take that blood out the back side of the temple mount, down the temple slope, into the very same Kidron brook. It would be bright red with blood.”

Note: Jesus didn’t hide but rather treated His arrest like a scheduled appointment.

Note: You need to appreciate what a unique and amazing group of people this is!!!

Note: In the arrest of Jesus, the whole world (Jew & Gentile) are indicted in this evil plot!

Note: All four Gospel portray Jesus as knowing exactly what would happen to Him!

Note: In the text, Jesus does not say, "I am he." He simply says, two words, "I am".

John 6:35; 8:12, 23, 58; 10:9, 11; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1 -

What was John's purpose again for writing this book? (Hint: John 20:30-31)

Exodus 3:14 - "God said to Moses, 'I AM who I AM,' And He said, 'Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Isaiah 11:4b - "...and He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall kill the wicked."

Note: The soldiers captured Jesus because He let them. Jesus was not a helpless victim but a sovereign volunteer.

John 10:17-18 -

B. Jesus' Sovereign Protection (verses 7-9)

Why does Jesus ask the same question twice?

Note: Jesus was never self-centered! He was always loving others, concerned with others, protecting others!

John 6:39 - "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that I should lose nothing of all that He has given Me, but raise it up on the last day."

John 10:27-28 - "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand."

C. Jesus' Stubborn Obedience (verses 10-11)

Why would Peter do this?

Matthew 26:39 - "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

What "cup" is Jesus referring too?

Mark 8:36-37 - "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul?"