

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

## JOHN 18:12-27

### “JESUS AND PETER ON TRIAL”

#### Introduction

***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.”***

Note: When Jesus seems to be at His weakest, He’s actually at His strongest!

- Birth - Baptism - Asleep in a Boat - Weeping at the Tomb of Lazarus -

Last week...

- 1) Supreme Authority
- 2) Sovereign Protection
- 3) Stubborn Obedience

Note: John brings together (side by side) two dramas, two stories, two trials... the trial of Jesus Christ and the trial of Simon Peter.

#### I. The Glory of Christ & the Guilt of Peter

##### A. Verses 12-14: The Trial of Jesus - Scene 1

*What’s going on here? Who are Annas and Caiaphas and how can they both be said to be high priest? According to Jewish law, there was only supposed to be one high priest and he was to serve for the duration of his life, so what’s going on?*

1) Who is Annas?

2) Who is Caiaphas?

***John 11:45-53 -***

*Why does John remind us of this conversation here in John 18?*

## B. Verses 15-18: The Trial of Peter - Scene 1

*Who is Peter's companion? Who is this unnamed disciple?*

**John 20:2a - "So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved..."**

**1 Cor. 10:12 - "...let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall."**

**Prov. 16:18 - "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."**

Note: An overestimation of self always means an underestimation of sin & temptation.

*John Owen - "Be always at it while you live; cease not a day from this work; be killing sin or it will be killing you."*

## C. Verses 19-24: The Trial of Jesus - Scene 2

*What is Jesus doing? Why does He answer this way?*

Note: Jesus is merely challenging Annas to an honest trial with WITNESSES!

## D. Verses 25-27: The Trial of Peter - Scene 2

**Matthew 26:74 -**

*What do you think the rooster said when he crowed? And I don't mean what sound did he make, but what do you think Peter heard when the rooster crowed?*

**Matthew 26:75 - "And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, 'Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly."**

*Has the rooster ever crowed for you? Have you ever come face-to-face with YOUR guilt, with YOUR failings, with YOUR denials of Christ?*

Note: The crow of the rooster is not a call of condemnation... it's a call to repentance.

**Luke 22:31-32 - "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have TURNED AGAIN, strengthen your brothers."**

**James 3:2s - "For we all stumble in many ways."**

**1 Peter 3:18a - "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God."**