



**Sermon: "Servants and Swords"**

**Scripture: John 18:1-14**

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There has been a great battle waged, a warfare, from the beginning of time, between two great forces in this universe and beyond. Good and evil; God and Satan; and all those on either side.

### **I-The Scene is Set- v.1-3**

A-Jesus concludes His prayer- v.1 'When Jesus had spoken these words...'

B-The Kidron Valley was a familiar place to Jews.

2 Samuel 15:30 'But David went up the ascent of the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went...'

### **II-See Your Savior- v.3-9**

A-Jesus prays for the disciples-

Matt.26:36-46

1-He prayed and returned to the disciples at least 3 times.

2-Jesus prayed, 'not my will, but thine be done.'

B-Jesus faces the soldiers-

1--'Whom do you seek?'

2-Jesus used the term '*ego eimi*' which means 'I am.'

3-Jesus stated that they should let the disciples leave since He was who they sought.

4-As the Savior cared for the disciples, even so He cares for all His children.

### **III-Sheathe Your Sword- v.10-12**

A- Brash, impulsive Peter responded to the situation as an unbeliever- v.10

B- Peter, put away your sword-

1- As we often do, Peter took the situation into his own hands.

2- He used his ability and his tools instead of trusting his Lord.

**Where would we be if Jesus had not taken the cup the Father had given Him?**

### Thoughts for further study-

How can we see the great struggle between good and evil, God and Satan, lived out in the accounts of scripture?

What particular battles in scripture, have spoken to your heart?

We were reminded of the unfair treatment of Jesus by the Jewish leaders and the Roman leaders.

Why didn't Jesus stand up for Himself?

When Luke states that Jesus often went to Gethsemane to pray, what application is there to your life?

How does 1 John 4:4 apply in this story and for us?

What is special, if anything 😊, about the three items taken to capture Jesus? (Lanterns, torches and weapons)

Think about the idea of the soldiers kneeling before the Lord. Read Phil. 2:10-11; Is 45:23; Rom14:11; Rev.3:9 How do these verses speak to you? What is the challenge they give?

What 'sword' do you need to put down to allow the Lord to work?