



Sermon: "A Sword and a Cup"

Scripture: John 18:11-27

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Today we travel back to a garden, a garden of quietness, prayer, contemplation and conflict. The familiar story of the garden confrontation is centered around 3 men - Judas, the disciple that betrayed his master, Peter the disciple who sought to take the situation into his own hands, and the Savior Himself.

I-A Sword of Rebellion- 18:10

A-Rebellion would happen because their ministry would change.

B-Rebellion would happen because of Peter's blind loyalty.

II-A Cup of Submission- 18:11-14

A-The cup Jesus bore represented the suffering and separation from the Father He would endure for you and me.

B-As Jesus, we need never fear the cup that the Father gives to us.

It is given in love-

Even His discipline is given in love-

C-The cup that Jesus partook of included trials.

III-The Cup of Denial- 18:15-18, 25-27

A-Denial begins-

When Peter was allowed into the courtyard, a servant girl at the door asked if he was one of the disciples.

When we remain in a place of failure, of temptation; we leave ourselves open for more failure.

B-The Final Denial-

Malchus, the man whose ear was struck by Peter had a relative by the fire.

He recognized the man who had swung the sword at his near relative.

C-At the time of that denial, the cock crowed.

Peter wept bitterly, and Jesus looked at Peter

The crowing of the cock was the announcement of a new day.

Thoughts for Further Study-

What caused Peter to fight against God's plan by striking out with his sword?

Could we be like Peter in how we live today? Give examples.

Can loyalty to the Savior lead us to sin?

Have you ever submitted to God's will when it was the 'hard thing to do' in your life?

Why do we not ever need to fear the 'cups', difficulties, God brings into our lives?

Why was standing by the fire a temptation for Peter?

'Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.' Psalm 30:5 How can this be applied to your life?