

John 18: 1-11

Following the Message

- 1) As God, Jesus was always in absolute control of all the events of His life, extending even to the circumstances surrounding His death.
- 2) *18:1* Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane for several reasons:
  - He could pour out His heart to the Father in private.
  - He knew Judas would look for Him there.
  - He did not want to be the catalyst for a revolt in the city.
- 3) *18:3* Rome and Israel feared Christ's arrest might ignite a riot. The legion was there to serve as backup.
- 4) *18:3* The mob brought lanterns, torches, and weapons, anticipating that Jesus would flee.
- 5) Jesus did not seek to escape by changing his habits: he went directly to the place where Judas could easily find him.
- 6) *18:4* Jesus took charge of the situation. He was the first to speak. He did not wait to be challenged.
- 7) *18:5* Jesus wore the name of God from Exodus 3:14: "I AM."
- 8) *18:6* All Jesus had to do was speak, and His enemies were rendered helpless in His presence.
- 9) *18:8-9* Jesus knew that at this stage the trauma of being arrested, imprisoned, or perhaps even executed could shatter the disciples' faith.
- 10) *18:11* The drinking of a cup was often used in Scripture to illustrate experiencing suffering and sorrow.