

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes

Chapter 18 PT. 2: Peter's Denial of Jesus

Introduction: We pick up after **Verse 24** where Jesus had been struck by the officer and then sent bound to Caiaphas the high priest. His Passion has begun.

John 18:25-40

Verses 25-27

John 18:25-27 (NASB) - ²⁵ Now Simon Peter was *still* standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You are not *one* of His disciples as well, are you?" He denied *it*, and said, "I am not." ²⁶ **One of the slaves of the high priest, who was related to the one whose ear Peter cut off, said,** "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" ²⁷ Peter then denied *it* again, and immediately a rooster crowed.

"What Are The ODDS?"



Numbers 32:23 (AMP) – ²³ But if you do not do this, behold, you will have sinned against the LORD; and be sure that your sin will find you out.

- This is where Moses warns the tribes of Gad and Reuben.
- Moses warned that failing to keep their promise to help conquer Canaan is rebellion against G-d.
- The verse means hidden sins will inevitably face consequences and exposure.

Key: Never forget that the Accuser of the Brethren is always looking to remind you of your past, even when Jesus has healed and forgiven you concerning that situation.

Jesus Before Pilate

Verse 28

John 18:28 (NASB) - ²⁸ Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early; and they themselves did not enter the Praetorium, so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the Passover.

Question: What is the Praetorium?

Answer: Originally, it was the tent of a general in a Roman army camp. It was the palace or official residence of the Roman provincial governor, often taken over from native rulers.



Verse 29-30

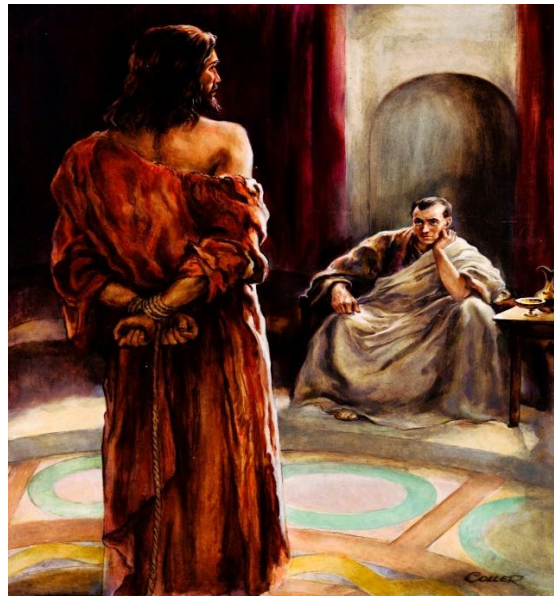
John 18:29-30 (NASB) – ²⁹ Therefore, Pilate came out to them and said, “What accusation are you bringing against this Man?” ³⁰ They answered and said to him, “If this Man were not a criminal, we would not have handed Him over to you.”

Note: The Religious Leaders are like the driver sitting outside in the car while their friends are robbing the bank!

- They think that if they can convince someone else to do the killing then they would be innocent of Jesus' blood!
- They have forgotten that Father knows the hearts of all men!

Verse 31-32

John 18:31-32 (NASB) – ³¹ So Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law.” The Jews said to him, “We are not permitted to put anyone to death.” ³² *This happened so that the word of Jesus which He said, indicating what kind of death He was going to die, would be fulfilled.*



Understanding: This is Jesus' own words being fulfilled as **Verse 32** reminds us!

Matthew 20:19 (AMP) - ¹⁹ and will hand Him over to the Gentiles (Roman authorities) to be mocked and scourged and crucified, and He will be raised [to life] on the third day.”

John 12:32-33 (AMP) – ³² And I, if *and* when I am lifted up from the earth [on the cross], will draw all *people* to Myself [Gentiles, as well as Jews].” ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.

Verse 33-34

John 18:33-34 (NASB) – ³³ Therefore Pilate entered the Praetorium again, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, “You are the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about Me?”



Understanding: Jesus strategically answers the question that Pilate poses with another question, “**Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about Me?**”

- Jesus was not evading the question.
- Yeshua understood that it is not a title He places on Himself.
- He knows His kingdom is not set up by men.
- His Kingdom is in the heart of men.

Verses 35-36

John 18:35-36 (NASB) – ³⁵ Pilate answered, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed You over to me; **what have You done?**” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. **If My kingdom were of this world,** My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.”



Key: Notice Jesus never answered the question, “**What have You done?**” He wanted to clarify where His Kingship originates! He already knows that He is innocent (**John 15:25- “They hated me without a cause”**).

Verse 37

John 18:37 (NASB) – ³⁷ Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say *correctly* that I am a king. For this *purpose* I have been born, and for this I have come into the world: to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.”

John 18:37 (KJV) - ³⁷ Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. **Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.**

Note: Again, Jesus never directly responds by saying, “**YES I AM A KING**”!

- Jesus did not come to prove He was a king.
- Jesus did not come to establish an earthly kingdom; He came to die!
- He came to atone for the sins of mankind.
- Those who belong to Him will know Him!

Verse 38

John 18:38 (NASB) – ³⁸ Pilate said to Him, “**What is truth?**” And after saying this, he came out again to the Jews and said to them, “I find no grounds at all for charges in His case.

Understanding: You must tie **Verse 37** to **Verse 38** to truly understand what Pilate just said!



- When Pilate asked the question, “**What is truth?**”, he just stated that he himself is not of **TRUTH!**
- Jesus states emphatically, “**Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice**”.
- Take heed that you do not reject **TRUTH!**

Verses 39-40

John 18:39-40 (NASB) – ³⁹ However, you have a custom that I release one *prisoner* for you at the Passover; therefore do you wish that I release for you the King of the Jews?” ⁴⁰ So they shouted again, saying, “Not this Man, but Barabbas.” Now Barabbas was a rebel.

Sentenced in the Praetorium



Understanding: There is nothing new under the sun! Even then, men preferred darkness rather than light (**John 3:19**)!

The End