

## **I Will Drink the Cup**

*The Passion*

John 18:1-11

**March 15, 2020**

### **THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE**

*Context:*

Easter is only a few weeks away. So, we'll step back into the Gospel of John for a few weeks and walk with Jesus to the cross. Here is where the Lord's horrific journey begins.

In this text, Jesus finds himself in the Garden of Gethsemane. He is near the end of his earthly ministry. He is about to suffer. Yet he was more concerned for his followers than he was for himself. He voluntarily allowed himself to be arrested. He was willing to drink the cup of suffering. Are you?

### **Key Scripture -**

#### **John 18:1-11**

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. <sup>2</sup> Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" <sup>5</sup> They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup> So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." <sup>9</sup> This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." <sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) <sup>11</sup> So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

## **DISCUSSION & APPLICATION**

- 1. Judas betrayed Jesus. He was a trusted friend. Have you ever been betrayed by someone close to you? How did it feel? What do you think Jesus would have felt as soldiers marched toward him to capture him?**
  
- 2. When Jesus announced who he is, the soldiers fell to the ground. His claim to be God was awe-inspiring, even for those who wanted to kill him. He has immense power. Do you believe that God can use his power to help you? Why or why not? Can you think of a time when you clearly saw his power at work?**
  
- 3. Jesus was expecting all of these events. None of it surprised him. He voluntarily laid down his life for his friends, which include you. Are you willing to lay down your life for him? Are you willing to drink the cup of suffering in order to build the kingdom? What would that look like?**

## **NEXT WEEK'S TOPIC**

Next Week: Trials begin. First, in front of Jewish Authorities – John 18:12-27

