
The Gospel Of John
"Betrayal"
John 18

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Introduction: John's gospel was written to convince us that Jesus is the Son of God, the promised Messiah, and by believing in Him you will receive eternal life.

1. That life is rooted in Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.
2. As we come to chapter 18, the drama of the cross is about to unfold.
3. Jesus heads to the garden of Gethsemane where He will be arrested.
4. He will be paraded through several show trials. The outcome was predetermined; Jesus was born to die. But before we get there, Jesus will suffer two acts of betrayal.
5. We can learn some valuable lessons as we compare these scenes.

I. The Betrayal Of Judas

- A. Planned
- B. Executed
- C. Outcome

II. The Betrayal Of Peter

- A. Predicted
- B. Reality

C. Effect

III. The Lesson

- A. Faithful Believers Can Fall
- B. Fallen Believers Can Be Forgiven
- C. Forgiven Believers Can Be Fruitful

Conclusion: Sin is sin, but the effect of sin is not equal.

1. It is likely Judas would have been forgiven if he hadn't taken his life.
2. Peter struggled with his betrayal but was restored and became a great leader as the church was born.
3. Everyone of us has betrayed Christ and struggled with our failure.
4. Do not give up on yourself, Christ won't. Let Him restore you and recycle your failure into productive service.