

**JOHN PART XVI**  
**CHAPTERS 18-19**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

- Chapter 18 - Jesus' arrest and trials.
- Word trial = lit. Latin, triare, to thresh out
- The truth of this trial is that it was not truthful.
- Ushered in with prayer and it ends in death.
- All under the watchful eye of the Father.
- John 2:24-25, "But Jesus...was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men...for He Himself knew what was in man."

**I. A SURRENDER TO THE CROSS VS. 1-14**

- Vs. 1 - Jesus walked over the Kidron Ravine, the place where the blood from the temple sacrifices ran.
- Into the Garden of Gethsemane = means "olive press"
- Vs. 4 - They expected Jesus to run, but He actually walked over to meet them.
- Jesus had already surrendered to His destiny.
- His breaking didn't come on the cross, but in the garden.

**II. SURRENDERING IN OUR TRIALS**

- Have you ever wondered why we call our struggles trials? They thresh out the truth.
- Vs. 19-23 - Jesus questions the legality of it all and He does it thoughtfully and without backing down.
- These men rejected Jesus, not intellectual reasons, but out of fear that we may lose control.
- Pilate asks three questions that reveal his heart:
  1. Vs. 33 - "Are you the king of the Jews?"
  2. Vs. 35 - "What have you done?"
  3. Vs. 38 - "What is truth?"

**III. JOHN 19:1-22 - THE SADNESS OF THE TRIALS**

- How do you administer justice and still offer mercy?
- Throughout the Bible there is a tension found between two of God's most important attributes, justice and mercy.
- Zechariah 7:8-9, "...Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another."
- Today the cross is viewed as a beautiful symbol of life and possibility.
- Acts 2:23, "This Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God..."
- The cross wasn't an accident, it was a destiny.
- Hebrews 12:2, "...for the joy set before Him (*Jesus*) endured the cross..."

**IV. WHY IN THE WORLD SHOULD HE SUFFER?**

- What happened is important, why it happened is more important.
- Sin broke our relationship with God and created a gulf, a chasm between God and man.
- Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."
- Why does the whole thing have to be so gory, so bloody?
- Leviticus 17:11, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood...for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement."
- Hebrews 9:22-28 NIV, "...without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness..."

**CLOSE**

- Isaiah 53:5, "But He was wounded for our transgressions...and by His stripes we are healed."