# John's Gospel Chapters 16,17,18

## Chapter 16

Lord Jesus tells of His death and resurrection

- Lord Jesus reminds His disciples about His death that is about to happen (John 16: 16)
- He also gives us a hope that we will see Him again and that we will have a joy that no man has ever known before (John 16:20, 22)
- "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" John 16:33
- He reminds us that our lives will have difficulties but that we should overcome them with His strength just as He has overcome the world



## Chapter 17

Intercessory Prayer

- 1. Jesus prayed that we would have eternal life
- John 17: 1-3
- Jesus sums up eternal life here: it's not knowing about God—it's about knowing God and having a relationship through Jesus Christ. We need to continue into a relationship with God through His Son, Jesus Christ to grow in Him by reading the Bible and through prayer



- 2. Jesus prayed for our safety from the evil one
- John 17:14-15
- Jesus recognizes that the world is set • against the kingdom. There are no illusions that the disciples, or we, will be able to avoid hardship and persecution. He doesn't pray that we'll be taken out of the world and removed from these struggles. Instead, He prays that they would be protected from the evil that would tear down or undermine their gospel ministry.





- 3. Jesus Prayed That We Would Be Sanctified in the Truth
- John 17:16-19
- Jesus doesn't pray for their immediate well-being. He prays that they would be sanctified or made holy—that they would be kept pure and set apart for God's use. Where evil promotes itself through error and deception, Jesus prays that the disciples will be purified by the truth.



- 4. Jesus Will Continue to Make God's Name Known
- John 17:26
- The prayer wraps up with Jesus' desire for His church to be known by their unity. When we really see how much of this prayer is focused on the importance of a church unified in mission and love, it changes our perspective. The church is the world's hope of discovering the redemptive love of Christ. Our unity helps to confirm the truth of the Gospel



## Chapter 18

Jesus at Gethsemane

#### • Gethsemane

- Judas has come with many men and weapons to come and arrest Lord Jesus while they are praying at Gethsemane (John 18:3)
- The power of the Lord's name was shown to all when he said "I am He," they all fell backward (John 18:5-6)
- His concern for his disciples even when he is about to be crucified is shown as he tells them to leave the disciples alone (John 18:8-9)





#### • Peter takes action

- Peter sees all that is happening and takes his sword and cuts off the ear of the high priest's servant whose name is Malchus (John 18: 10)
- Lord Jesus heals this man's ear but the people don't believe (Luke 22:52)
- Lord Jesus is questioned
- Lord Jesus is questioned before the high priest and Pilate and speaks only a few words even though he is being hit and spit upon (John 18:22)





#### • Barabbas

- According to the Jewish traditions they are supposed to release someone at Passover (John 18: 39)
- So they all chose to release Barabbas who was a robber
- Many people who study history say that soon after Barabbas became a Christian and turned away from his sins



