

Questions for John 18:1-27

1. What garden did Jesus go to? Why did Judas lead the troops to this garden? Why did the troops and officers take weaponry to arrest Jesus? (Verses 1-3)

2. Why did the soldiers fall back when Jesus confirmed his identity? Why did Jesus ask them to let the disciples go? How does this account compare with the other accounts of the capture of Jesus? Would these differences count as discrepancies and errors? (Verses 4-9)

3. Why might John reveal Peter as being the attacker when the other gospels did not? Why was Peter rebuked by Jesus and told to put away his sword? (Verses 10-12)

4. Why was Jesus taken first to Annas before Caiaphas? Why was Caiaphas described as the “high priest that year”? Who was the other disciple that followed Jesus? (Verses 13-16)

5. Why might Peter have felt pressure to lie and deny knowing Jesus? What effect did these events have on Peter? (Verses 17-18, 25-27)

6. Why would the high priest be asking Jesus further about his doctrine and disciples? What response did this prompt from Jesus? Was his answer disrespectful to the high priest? (Verses 19-24)