

The Gospel of John

Chapter 18, part 2

I. Introduction

- a. In our previous message, Jesus was arrested
 - i. Peter had just denied the Lord for the first time
 - 1. We will see more of Peter's weakness today
 - a. Let me point out, however, that Peter was a great man of God
 - i. The Lord used him to pen a portion of the New Testament
 - ii. He had some weak moments, but, that is not uncommon among the Lord's saints – even us!

II. Commentary

a. Verse 18

- i. Peter had just denied the Lord when the doorkeeper asked if he was also one of Jesus' disciples
 - 1. Now, he was being friendly with the servants and officers
 - a. These were the enemies of Jesus
 - b. It seems, to save his own life, he was willing to impersonate those that were against Jesus

b. Verses 19-23

- i. The high priest questioned Jesus
 - 1. He asked him about his disciples and his doctrine
 - a. Jesus explains that He had spoken openly throughout his ministry
 - i. He had not hidden His message from anybody
 - 1. He calls on witnesses that heard His preaching to speak for Him
- ii. An officer struck Jesus at His response to the high priest
 - 1. He believed Jesus had disrespected the high priest and his office
 - a. What irony!!
 - i. These men were disrespecting the Creator Himself
 - 2. Jesus asks what He had said that made the man strike Him

c. Verses 24-27

- i. Annas realized he wasn't getting anything accomplished
 - 1. He sent Jesus to Caiaphas
 - a. If Jesus was going to be condemned to die, He had to be brought before the chairman of the Sanhedrin – the High Priest, Caiaphas
 - i. Their goal of crucifying Jesus is easily seen here
- ii. Peter is questioned again as to whether he was a disciple of Jesus or not
 - 1. A second time, he denied that he was a follower of Jesus

