

CHRIST'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

The Gospel of John: The Deity and Teaching of Jesus Christ

"Not Taken, But Given: The Sovereign Savior Who Stood in Our Place"

John 18:1-11 NKJV

[1] When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. [2] And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples. [3] Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. [4] Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?" [5] They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. [6] Now when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. [7] Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." [8] Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way," [9] that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none." [10] Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. [11] So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?"

Main Points

1. *The Desire of Christ: That We Be With Him* Salvation leads to eternal fellowship with Christ and the vision of His glory.
2. *The Revelation of Christ: Making the Father Known* Jesus reveals the Father so that we may truly know God.
3. *The Love and Union of Christ: God's Love in Us* Believers experience the very love of God and live in union with Christ.

Instruction (2 Tim 3:16): What is God telling me?

Inspiration (Romans 8:16): How is the Holy Spirit moving me?

Imitator of Christ (Ephesians 5:1): How will I serve God by imitating Jesus?

My prayer this week: O Righteous Heavenly Father, thank You for allowing Your Son to step forward and take my place. Teach me to trust Your sovereignty, to submit to Your will, and to walk in obedience even when it is difficult. Guard my heart from empty religion, align my life with Your truth, and help me follow You with humility and faith. Because He drank the cup for me, I surrender my life to Him. In the precious name of Jesus Christ my Lord I pray, amen.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does Jesus' calm surrender challenge the way we respond when we know hardship is coming?

2. When Jesus says "I am He," the arresting group draws back and falls to the ground. What does this moment teach us about the authority of Jesus—even in His arrest?

3. Why do you think John includes this detail? What impact does it have on how we see the crucifixion story?

4. How does Judas' presence in this moment highlight the contrast between knowing Jesus and truly following Him?

5. What does this passage teach you about the cost of obedience and the depth of Jesus' love?

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Psalm 41:9 NKJV Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.

John 8:58-59 NKJV [58] Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." [59] Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Matthew 12:30 NKJV He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

John 8:58 NKJV Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

John 6:39 NKJV This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. **John 17:12 NKJV** While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. *"that the saying might be fulfilled"*

Luke 22:36-37 NKJV Then He said to them, "But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. [37] For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For the things concerning Me have an end.")

John 18:36 NKJV Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

2 Timothy 4:7 NKJV I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

1 Timothy 1:18-20 NKJV This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, [19] having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, [20] of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

Isaiah 51:17,22 NKJV Awake, awake! Stand up, O Jerusalem, You who have drunk at the hand of the LORD The cup of His fury; You have drunk the dregs of the cup of trembling, And drained it out. [22] Thus says your Lord, The LORD and your God, Who pleads the cause of His people: "See, I have taken out of your hand The cup of trembling, The dregs of the cup of My fury; You shall no longer drink it.

Jeremiah 25:15-16 NKJV For thus says the LORD God of Israel to me: "Take this wine cup of fury from My hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it. [16] And they will drink and stagger and go mad because of the sword that I will send among them."