

## John 18:1-11 Youth Bible Study



### Jesus Knew What Would Happen Next

After Jesus talked with his disciples, he went to a garden.

Judas knew where Jesus would go to pray.

So Judas led an army of men and officers, including the chief priests and Pharisees, to capture Jesus.

They carried lanterns, torches, and weapons.

### Discussion Questions

Why did Jesus know that the army was coming?

Why did the army carry weapons to capture Jesus?

Why would Judas turn Jesus over to the Pharisees?



## **John 18:4-6 KJVS**

**[4] Jesus, therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth and said unto them, Whom seek ye?**

**[5] They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them.**

**[6] As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.**

**[7] Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth.**

**[8] Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:**

**[9] That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.**



### **Discussion Questions**

**Why would Jesus tell the army who he was?**

**Why didn't they know what Jesus looked like?**

**What caused the army of men to fall backward?**

**What did Jesus do to protect his disciples?**

**John 18:10-11 KJVS**

**[10] Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.**

**[11] Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?**

**Questions for Discussion**

**Why would Peter cut off the ear of Malchus?**

**Did Jesus approve of the violence?**

**What did Jesus tell Peter to do?**

**Why did Jesus give instructions to Peter?**

## Lesson Activities

### Reenact the Capture of Jesus

#### Supplies needed:

Flashlights, helmets, fake swords

Swords can be made out of cardstock or cardboard.

#### Actors:

Jesus,  
Disciples,  
Peter,  
Malchus,  
The army.



Allow the students to role-play Jesus speaking to the army, and they fall backward. Make sure the area is open and free of hazards. Have Jesus identify himself, and then Peter pretends to cut off the ear of Malchus. Then Jesus tells Peter to put his sword away, and he heals Malchus.