



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: John 18:12-27 (NAS)

"The Only Perfect Man On Trial"

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- 12 So the Roman cohort and the commander and the officers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him,
13 and led Him to Annas first; for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.
14 Now Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was expedient for one man to die on behalf of the people.
15 Simon Peter was following Jesus, and so was another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought Peter in.
17 Then the slave-girl who kept the door *said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He *said, "I am not."
18 Now the slaves and the officers were standing there, having made a charcoal fire, for it was cold and they were warming themselves; and Peter was also with them, standing and warming himself.
19 The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples, and about His teaching.
20 Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world; I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and I spoke nothing in secret.
21 "Why do you question Me? Question those who have heard what I spoke to them; they know what I said."
22 When He had said this, one of the officers standing nearby struck Jesus, saying, "Is that the way You answer the high priest?"
23 Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify of the wrong; but if rightly, why do you strike Me?"
24 So Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.
25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You are not also one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it, and said, "I am not."
26 One of the slaves of the high priest, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, *said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?"
27 Peter then denied it again, and immediately a rooster crowed.

I. JESUS ON TRIAL

- A. Five Part To His Trial (John Does Not Record All Of These)
- B. First Part Before Annas
 - 1. He was not then recognized by Rome as high priest
 - 2. His son-in-law Caiaphas was appointed high priest
 - a. Caiaphas prophesied Jesus' death
 - b. He did so unwittingly *John 11:51-52*

- 3. Annas' question to Jesus had two parts
 - a. Concerning his disciples (seeking the charge of sedition)
 - b. Concerning his teaching (seeking the charge of heresy)
- 4. Jesus answer to Annas
 - a. Jesus did not hide any of his teaching *II Corinthians 4:2*
 - b. It was the courts job to find the accusers

II. PETER'S DENIAL

- A. Two Disciples Follow Jesus To The Trial
 - 1. Peter is named
 - 2. The other is likely John
- B. Peter's First Denial
 - 1. It was to a servant girl (doorkeeper)
 - 2. Not intimidating
 - 3. Peter's earlier claim *John 13:36-38*
- C. The Triple Denial Was To Peter's Great Shame

RESPONSE:

- 1. What Is Our Boast? *I Corinthians 1:31; II Corinthians 10:17*
- 2. Do We Make Our Faith Known? *Psalms 1:1-3*
- 3. Are We The Light We Are Called To Be? *Matthew 5:14,16*