

“CHRIST’S UNJUST RELIGIOUS TRIALS & PETER’S DENIALS” (John 18:1-27)

I. THE PROLOGUE: INTRODUCING JESUS CHRIST (1:1-18)

II. THE INTRODUCTION: WITNESSING ABOUT JESUS CHRIST (1:19-51)

III. THE SIGNS SECTION: PROVING THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST (2:1-12:50)

IV. THE LAST DISCOURSE: TEACHING FOR THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST (13:1-17:26)

V. THE CROSS & RESURRECTION: DEFINING JESUS AS THE CHRIST (18:1-20:31)

A. Christ’s AGONY in the GARDEN (18:1)

1. Following Christ’s discourse to the disciples in the upper room, they walked to the _____ east of the temple on the Mount of Olives. (Mk. 14:32-42)

2. During this time Christ prayed for the _____ to be done regarding the _____ that was given to Him. (Mk. 14:36)

** What does the cup refer to?*

** What does this teach us about the purpose of prayer?*

** What does this teach us about the importance of prayer?*

B. Christ’s ARREST in the GARDEN (18:2-11)

1. The “great multitude”(Mk. 14:43) that came to arrest Jesus consisted of _____, _____ leaders (Lk. 22:52), _____ guards (18:3), and _____ troops (18:3, 12).

** Why did they come at night?*

2. The Gospel records indicate that it was _____ who _____ to meet Judas and the armed multitude. (18:4)

** What attributes of Christ are displayed here?*

** What does this indicate about Christ’s death for us?*

3. While they sought to arrest Jesus, Peter cut off the _____ of the high priest's servant, Malchus. (18:10-11)

** What does this reveal about Peter's walk with the Lord?*

** What did Christ do in response?*

C. Christ's UNJUST TRIALS Before ANNAS, CAIAPHAS, & the SANHEDRIN (18:12-24)

1. The Lord Jesus' first religious trial was before _____, the high priest emeritus, in his _____ residence. (18:12-14)

** What do we know about this man?*

** Was this trial just and lawful?*

2. The Lord's second religious trial was before _____, the official high priest at that time, also in a _____ residence. (18:24)

** Was this trial just and lawful?*

** What final religious trial occurred after this? (Mt. 27:1-2; Mk. 15:1; Lk. 22:66-71)*

D. PETER'S DENIALS of CHRIST (18:15-18, 25-27)

1. Peter's spiritual downfall culminated in him _____ the Lord _____ times.

2. On the third denial, Christ _____ to _____ at Peter; and immediately Peter _____ . (Lk. 22:61-62)

** What spiritual lessons can you learn from all of this?*