

## John 18:1-12 YOU CAN RUN, BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE

When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was a garden, and he and his disciples went into it.

<sup>2</sup> Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So Judas came to the garden, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and the Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons.

<sup>4</sup> Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?" <sup>5</sup> "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) <sup>6</sup> When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Again he asked them, "Who is it you want?" "Jesus of Nazareth," they said.

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, then let these men go."<sup>9</sup> This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me." <sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)

<sup>11</sup> Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?" <sup>12</sup> Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him <sup>13</sup> and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it would be good if one man died for the people.

### I. JESUS IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF ALL CIRCUMSTANCE

The word in v. 3 (NIV detachment; KJV band) is a term meaning a group of soldiers numbering between 600 - 1,000, with perhaps as many as 240 cavalry.

### II. WE PUT OURSELVES AT \_\_\_\_\_ WHEN WE TAKE THINGS INTO OUR OWN HANDS

Sometimes things are out of OUR control, and it SEEMS that they are out of GOD'S control. But things are \_\_\_\_\_ out of God's control!

### III. YOU CAN RUN, BUT YOU CAN'T \_\_\_\_\_

What is the Malchus' ear in your life?

