



August 30th, 2026
Betrayal in the Garden
John 18:1-12

1. How does Jesus' willingness to walk toward His arrest challenge the idea that the cross was simply a tragic ending to Jesus' ministry?
2. How does Jesus' statement "I am" in the darkness of Gethsemane connect with John's repeated theme of Jesus as the I AM in the Gospel of John?
3. How does this scene connect with Jesus' earlier teaching in John 10 about the Good Shepherd laying down His life for His sheep?
4. What did Jesus rebuke Peter for in John 18:10-11? How was Peter misguided in what he sought to do? Are there things that we might do out of a misguided zeal that Jesus would rebuke us for as well?
5. The sermon contrasted Adam's failure in the Garden of Eden with Jesus' obedience in the Garden of Gethsemane. What parallels and contrasts do you see between the two gardens?
6. In verse 11, Jesus says, "Shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?" What does the imagery of the "cup" mean in the context of Scripture? (see Psalm 75:8, Isaiah 51:17, and Matthew 26:39)