



THE GOSPEL OF JOHN PRESENTS:

Jesus, The Martyr

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Introduction: John describes Jesus as the Word of God, a Zealot, an Evangelist, a Provider, a Caretaker, a Shepherd, a Servant, a Comforter, and a Teacher. Now we see Jesus, the Martyr. Let's study together. . . .

Discussion:

I. The Arrest (18:1-11)

Jesus was in total control of the situation as he crossed over the Kidron Valley.

Jesus went outside of the city to pray.

The fall of man took place in a garden, and now the salvation of man comes from a garden.

The betrayer, Judas, led the band of Roman soldiers right to Jesus.

The garden contained clubs, lamps, and knives.

II. The Arraignment Before Annas (18:12-14)

The mob led Jesus to the new high priest.

The old high priest had already stated that Jesus had to die or the nation would die.

The new high priest decides to have a Jewish trial.

III. The Jewish Trial (18:19-27)

Jesus is not completely alone, because a few disciples follow him at a distance.

The people in the courtyard begin wondering about Peter.

The late night trials end very quickly.

IV. The Roman Trial (18:28-19:16)

Pilate refused to go against the law, so the Jews changed the charges against Him.

Pilate tried to appease the people and offer the release of a prisoner (Barabbas).

Pilate orders beating and scourging, before going forward with a crucifixion.

Pilate declared that he found nothing wrong with him, but submitted to the crowd.

V. The Crucifixion (19:16-38)

Jesus is crucified by the Romans.

All of the details are fulfillment of the Old Testament Scriptures.

John shows how cruel the Romans were in their punishment.

VI. The Burial (19:38-42)

Two disciples come to bury Jesus (Joseph and Nicodemus).

The death of Jesus drew men to Him.

The story is not over.

Conclusion: The gospel of John is profound, but simple. John clearly shows us that his intention is for the readers of this gospel to "believe" and "receive" the good news (**John 20:30-31**). **Where are you in your walk with God? Do you believe Him and trust Him? Have you received salvation in His name?**

WORD OF THE DAY = "MARTYR"