

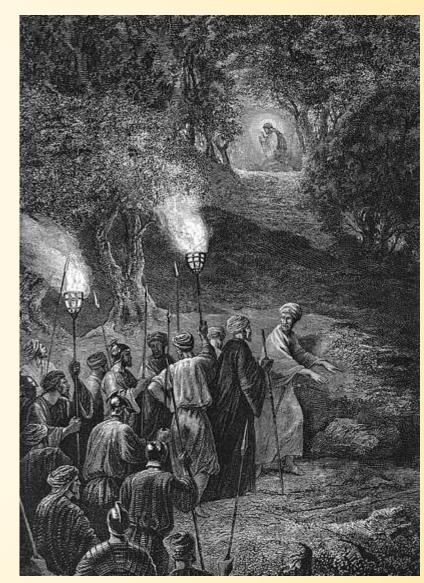
"...Yet In Complete Control"

John 18:1-11

You might think all is chaos...

- The reader here sees all things collapsing around the disciples
- •Judas' Betrayal
- The Pharisees seemed to have won the debate
- A hurried mockery of a trial will ensue





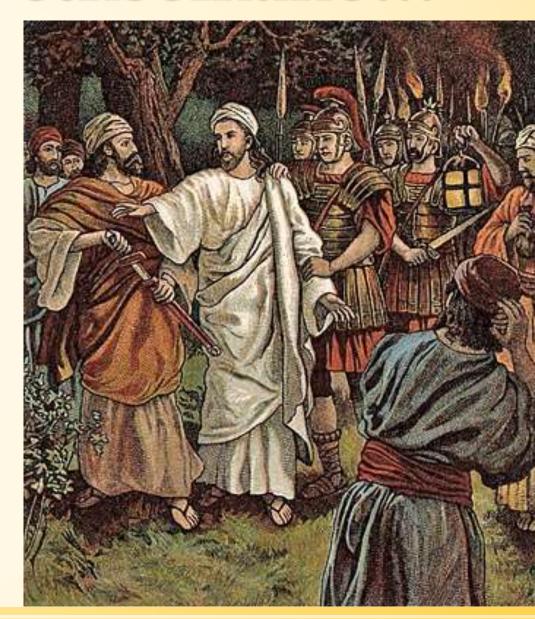
When Jesus had spoken these words, He went forth with His disciples over the ravine of the Kidron, where there was a garden, in which He entered with His disciples. ²Now Judas also, who was betraying Him, knew the place, for Jesus had often met there with His disciples. ³ Judas then, having received the Roman cohort and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, *came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴So Jesus, knowing all the things

things that were coming upon Him, went forth and *said to them, "Whom do you seek?" 5 They answered Him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He *said to them, "I am He." And Judas also, who was betraying Him, was standing with them. ⁶So when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷ Therefore He again asked them, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus the Nazarene." 8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He; so if you

seek Me, let these go their way," 9 to fulfill the word which He spoke, "Of those whom You have given Me I lost not one." 10 Simon Peter then, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave's name was Malchus. 11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put the sword into the sheath; the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink John 18:1-11, NASB it?"

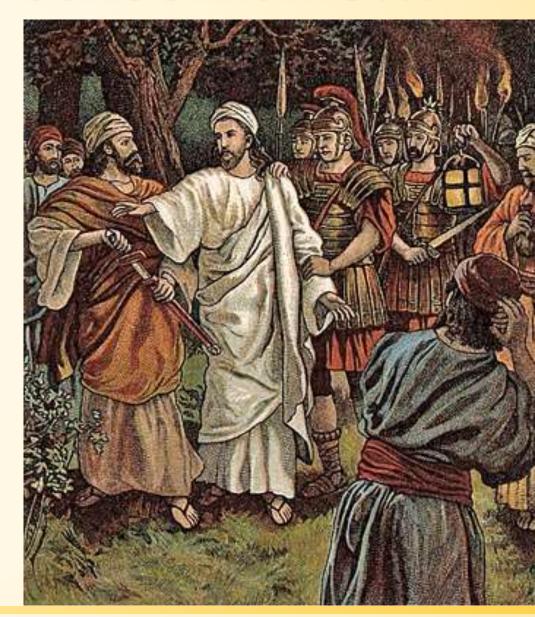
A. To the Garden of Gethsemane...

- •V1- Why there?
- Several reasons I think...
- This brook through the Kidron and Mount Olivet, He often visited
- If arrested in Jerusalem during Passover...



A. To the Garden of Gethsemane...

- •V1- Why there?
- •Judas knew he'd be there
- Jesus wanted no casualties
- •Plus the Brook Kidron would've been a potent reminder...
- And its history...



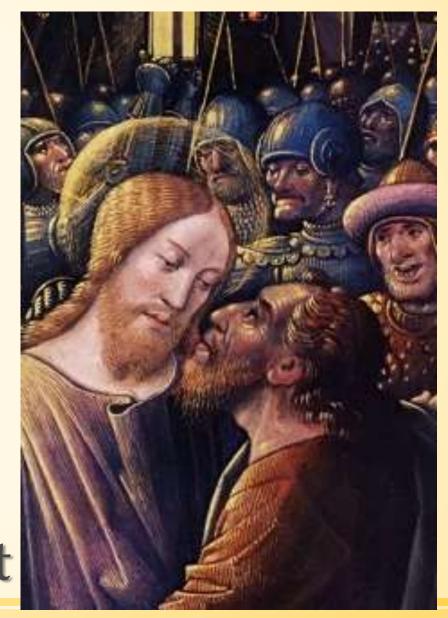
B. Cometh the Betrayer...

- Vv2-3, So much irony in this short passage
- Between vv1 and 2, Mark and Matthew give us the details of His prayer
- Here, the import to John is Jesus' loving self sacrifice
- •First Adam, Last Adam...



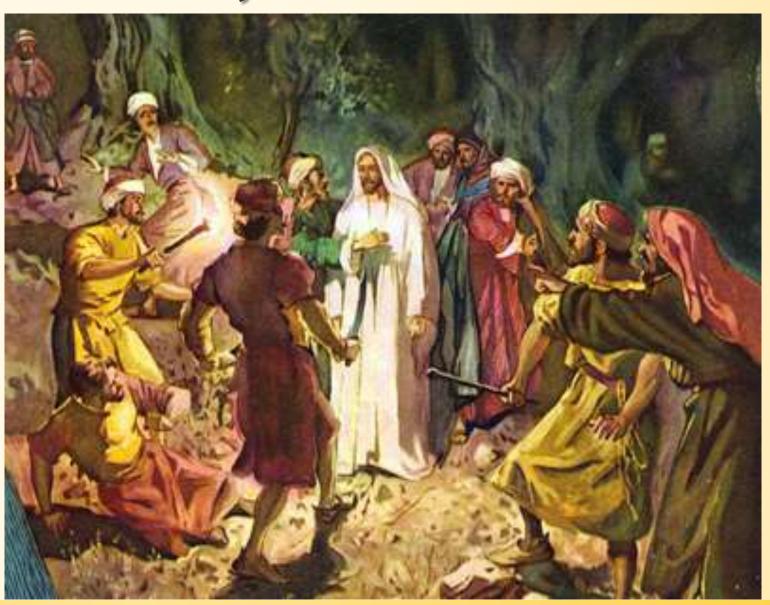
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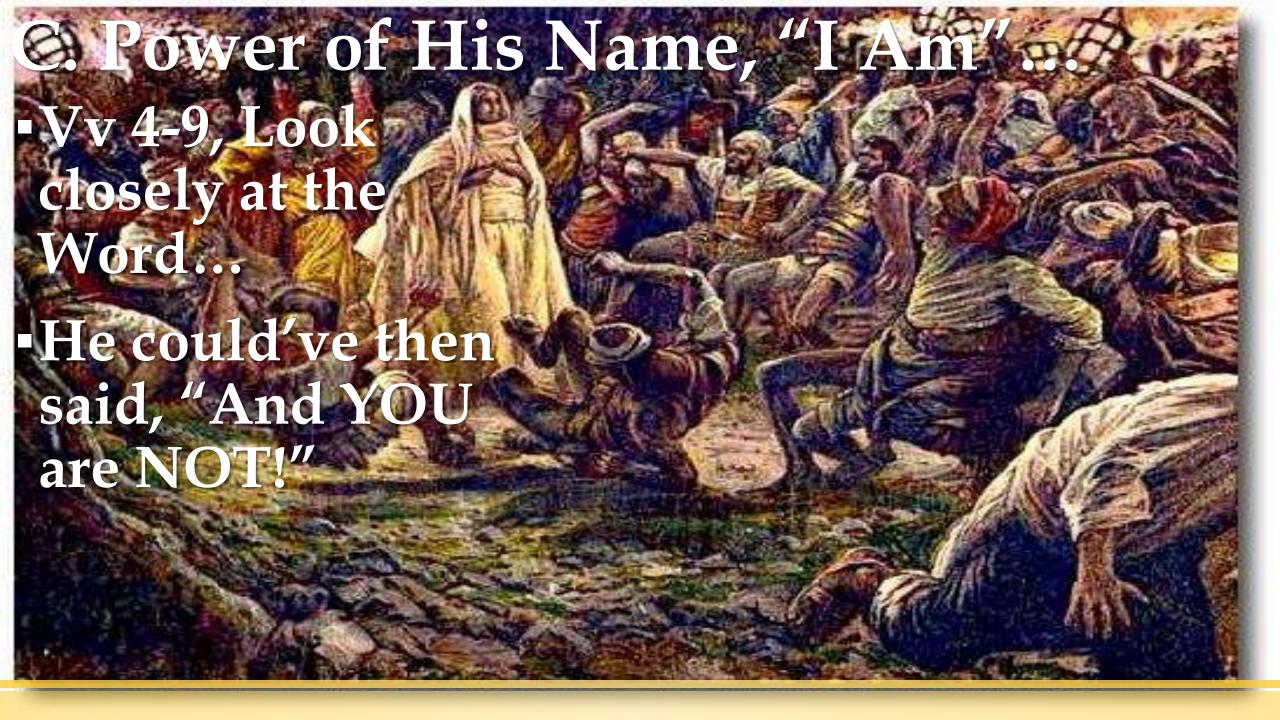
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- Garden of Eden vsGethsemane
- Soldiers Greek word for "cohort" is 'speira'
- •1/10 of a Roman Legion: 600 soldiers, couldn't see the Light



C. Power of His Name, "I Am"...

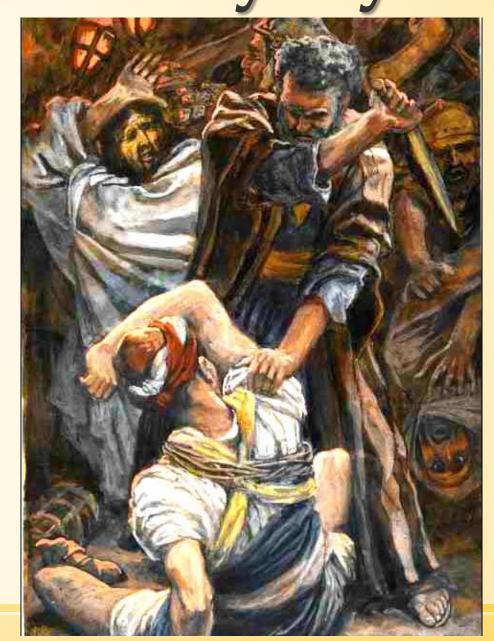
•Vv 4-9, Look closely at the Word...





D. The Wrong Way to prove loyalty...

- Vv 10-11- while we admire Peter's courage, it was demonstrative of a lack of Knowledge of God's Will
- •How after 3 years with Jesus, did Peter NOT know the Will of God?
- Are we not often the same?



Take Home...

- No matter what kind of difficulties you are going through in your life now, remember that God loves you very much. He will not leave you, nor forsake you.
- Our God is in complete control over all of our lives. We cannot find anyone better than Him to trust with our lives, no one.
- We need never fear the cup our Father hands to us, because the cup He prepares will never contain anything that will harm us

