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John 18:1 – 19:42

Series: Gospel of John, #31

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Theme: **Your character determines your destiny.**

1. Judas, a self-centered taker. (18:2-3; See also Matthew 26:14-16, 47-50, 27:1-5)
2. Annas and Caiaphas, respectable religion. (18:12-27)
3. Pilate, political expediency. (18:28 – 19:16)
4. Peter, an unprepared believer. (18:10-11, 15-18, 25-27; see also Matthew 26:69-75)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Yesterday we looked at crises, “*when push comes to shove*” decisions in response to Jesus. Today we focus on Judas Iscariot. Read the passages listed on the outline. His signature mark of character was being a self-centered taker. What evidence do you see of this? How did it relate to his betraying Jesus? List several lessons for yourself from Judas.

Tuesday. Today we are looking at Annas and Caiaphas. If you took notes on Sunday, review the brief biographical information. Read 18:12-27. Why did we characterize them with the phrase “respectable religion”? In what way can religion be a very dangerous thing?

Wednesday. Pilate is front and center today. Scan through 18:28 – 19:16. Pilate’s character was marked by political expediency. What examples of this do you see in this passage and the brief biographical references made on Sunday? What does it mean to be expedient? What are some ways in which we can become *politically expedient*? What are some of the dangers?

Thursday. Today we conclude with thinking about Peter. Read the references listed on the outline. List some of Peter’s strengths and progress to this point. In what ways was he not prepared for his *push comes to shove* decisions? How can you be prepared (see Matthew 26:69-75 and Ephesians 6:10-12)?

Friday - Saturday. On Sunday we plan to conclude this series in John’s gospel with *Why The Gospel?* Read chapters 20 & 21 in preparation for our time together.