

1. Look at the circumstances around Jesus arrest. When the soldiers came looking for Jesus what was Jesus reaction? Why does he do this? (John 18:1-2)? Why was Peter's attempt to defend Jesus futile?

Personal Reflection question

2. What tests your frustrations or distracts you from keeping your focus on God's plan? How can you overcome them?
3. Can you comment on the trial process? Were there irregularities and why does John point it out?
4. What was the charge that the Jews had brought against Jesus? Why did they choose this particular charge rather than the fact that Jesus in their mind was blaspheming because he claimed to be the Son of God? John paints Pontius Pilate as an independent judge without an axe to grind when he looked at the evidence what was his conclusions? How does Pilate try to avoid crucifying Jesus? Why does John bother to record this closely?
5. Why did Pilate in the end act against his own conscience? why were the actions of the Jews at this stage ironic?
6. What do you think Jesus is referring to when He says, "It is finished?" What mood do you think this was said in: despair, resignation, or triumph? Explain? How does this impact us?
7. Look at John 19:31-37 why is there an obvious emphasis on Jesus bones not being broken? How does the crucifixion of Jesus actually save us? What about Jesus' crucifixion impacted you the most? Why?
8. Why do you think John emphasized that he was a direct witness to these events in verse 35? Why is the factualness of this account so very important?