

John 18:10-14

John 18:10-11 *“(10) Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. (11) Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?”*

- A. The disciples were armed with authority from Jesus (**Luke 22:35-36**).
 - 1. Let's be clear in stating that the word of God gives us the right of self-defense (**Exodus 22:2-3** and **Luke 11:21**).
 - 2. However, taking up a weapon and engaging in battle is not wise (**Matthew 26:51-52**).
 - a. Had Jesus wanted a battle to occur, He certainly would have had the advantage (**Matthew 26:53**).
 - b. The Lord did not commission any of His disciples (then or now) for a carnal battle in His name (**John 18:36**, **II Corinthians 10:3-4**, **Ephesians 6:11-17**, and **I Thessalonians 5:8**).
 - 3. While carnal warfare and bloodshed is necessary at times (**Numbers 31:2-3**, **Deuteronomy 7:1-8**, **II Kings 19:31-35**, and **Romans 13:3-4**), ultimately it is not God's will that we kill others (**Genesis 9:6**, **Leviticus 24:17**, and **Romans 13:9**).
 - a. People who die in battle have no chance to obey the Gospel (**Isaiah 38:18**).
 - b. Even these people who are murdering Jesus needed to live to be able to be saved (**Luke 23:33-34**, **Acts 2:36-41**, and **I Timothy 2:1-4**).
- B. These events had to occur so that the Scriptures could be fulfilled (**Matthew 26:24**, **Matthew 26:54**, **Luke 24:25-26**, **Luke 24:44-46**, and **Acts 1:16**).
 - 1. Jesus had to obey the will of His Father (**Matthew 26:42**, **John 4:34**, **John 6:38**, and **John 15:10**).
 - 2. God the Father wanted Jesus to die on the cross (**Acts 2:22-24**, **Philippians 2:8**, and **Hebrews 5:8-9**).
 - 3. Jesus had to die for us to be saved (**Romans 5:6-10**, **Ephesians 2:13**, **I Peter 1:18-19**, and **Revelation 1:5**).

John 18:12-13 *“(12) Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, (13) And led him away to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year.”*

- A. The arrest of Jesus was sanctioned by those in authority (**Mark 15:1**).
 - 1. This is sad in that the chief priests were supposed to be looking out for the souls of the people (**II Kings 12:2**, **Nehemiah 8:1-3**, and **Malachi 2:7**).
 - 2. Scribes should have known the word of God (**Jeremiah 36:1-10**).
 - 3. It is not a new thing for the spiritual leaders of Israel to be corrupt (**Isaiah 28:7**, **Jeremiah 32:29-33**, **Micah 3:11**, **Zephaniah 3:4**).

B. Annas and Caiaphas were high priests (**Luke 3:2**).

1. Annas will send Jesus along to Caiaphas (**John 18:24**).

2. These men will continue to be opposed to the truth (**Acts 4:1-22**).

John 18:14 *“Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.”*

A. Caiaphas prophesied of the death of Christ (**John 11:49-51**).

1. A person (or animal) did not need to understand or even know what He was saying if God decided to have that man prophesy (**Numbers 22:28** and **II Peter 2:15-16**).

2. A true prophecy was the words of God, not the words of man (**II Samuel 23:2**, **Jeremiah 1:9**, **Mark 12:36**, and **II Peter 1:20-21**).

B. It was expedient that one man die for the people (**Matthew 20:28**).

1. Jesus certainly died to save Israel (**Matthew 1:21** and **Romans 11:25-27**; cf. **Matthew 18:11** and **Luke 19:10**).

2. He did not just die for Israel, but for all people to be saved (**John 1:29**, **I John 2:1-2**, and **I John 4:14**).