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## They Arrested God!

*John 18:1-12*

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### Background

We gather in worship to remind ourselves who God is, what he has done in Christ and what he is doing through his Spirit. Our desire is to praise God and receive afresh his Spirit in us, to affirm that we are family reconciled one to another and to be empowered to reach out to the world.

**Sermon Text:** John 18:1-12 (ESV)

*When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. <sup>2</sup> Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” <sup>5</sup> They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.”<sup>[a]</sup> Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup> When*

*Jesus<sup>[b]</sup> said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup> So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." <sup>9</sup> This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." <sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant<sup>[c]</sup> and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) <sup>11</sup> So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"*

## **Discussion Questions**

### **1. Preparation**

- a. What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- b. What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- c. What stands out to you the most from this sermon?

### **2. Sermon Questions**

a. Jesus took His disciples to a garden and He was arrested there. What is the significance of the garden? How does it contrast to the garden in Genesis?

b. Jesus asked "Whom do you seek?" Whom or what do you seek as Jesus' disciples?

c. In the book of John, Jesus identified himself as "I AM" multiple times.

John Chapter 8

- V 24: *"Unless you believe that I AM, you will die in your sins."*
- V 28: *"When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I AM..."*
- V 58: *"Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."*

Can you elaborate the power of "I AM"?

d. Jesus drinks the Cup the Father gave Him. How does it illustrate Jesus' love to his disciples and us?

e. Shawn has four key takeaways in this sermon:

1. We know who is in charge of the unfolding events. Answer: Jesus

2. We know He watches out for those He loves.

3. We know this is the will of Jesus' Father.

4. We know who it is who is going to the cross. Answer: The great "I AM"

Which one is most impactful to you?