John Lesson 45

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INTRODUCTION

- I wonder if there are not some today who claim to love Jesus, and who, like Judas, might kiss him, and yet in reality they are playing the role of a hypocrite.
- Their words say one thing, but their actions prove something else.

1 Jesus Went Forth and Said, I Am He

John 18:1–5

- Jesus did not try to hide himself or escape to some unknown place where Judas and the officers could not find him.
- He knew that Judas would come looking for him. And Judas knew where to find him, and Jesus knew that Judas knew.
- He did not try to escape, he did not try to pretend or hide from them as though he were someone else, but boldly he affirmed, I am he.

2 Not My Will But Thine Be Done

Matthew 26:36–46

- O my father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt.
- Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
- Far too many times there are those of us who, when we find difficult tasks in front of us, we want God to change his will concerning us.
- But the Son of God left us an example of righteous prayer.

3 Put Up Thy Sword Into the Sheath

John 18:6–11; Matthew 26:51–54

- If you seek me, let these disciples go.
- Put up thy sword into the sheath, the cup which my father hath given me, shall I not drink it?
- All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.
- Number one is that the kingdom of the Lord is not an earthly material kingdom. And it does not reign by physical force.
- The best way to put down evil and to turn men away from Satan's cause is to take the word of the Lord.

4 Don't Be Like a Judas

- I wonder if they're not some today, who with a hypocritical kiss, that is figuratively speaking, they say they love Jesus Christ.
- Where do you stand? How do you serve the Lord? Is it with words only?

- Is it with some outward move that pretends or makes the world think you love the Lord, but in reality you have rejected him, you have betrayed him.

5 The Jewish Trial Before Annas and Caiaphas

John 18:12–14; John 18:19–24; Matthew 26:57–68

- First of all, there is a Jewish trial that goes on before the high priest and then before the Sanhedrin Council.
- I spake openly to the world. I ever taught in the synagogue and in the temple, whether the Jews always resort, and in secret have I said nothing.
- They wanted to try Jesus, they wanted to condemn him, they wanted to put him to death, but they really did not have a just cause.
- You see, before Annas they couldn't find a just cause, and so now they're seeking false witnesses.
- Jesus really had not said anything blasphemous, but that was their point of view. Jesus indeed was the Son of God.

6 Peter Denied the Lord Three Times

John 18:15–18; John 18:25–27; Luke 22:54–62

- Then said the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not.
- This is the first of three embarrassing scenes for Peter.
- Peter remembered the words of the Lord, and he went out and wept bitterly.
- Peter's faith did not fail, but his courage failed.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **It might be that there are times where you have denied the Lord, you've turned against him. But when you come to yourself like Peter, go out and repent. Do something about it. Turn back to him.**

MY NOTES