



***I am He***  
**John 18:1-11**

**The Arrest of Jesus**

<sup>1</sup> When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was an olive grove, and he and his disciples went into it. <sup>2</sup> Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons.

<sup>4</sup> Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?" <sup>5</sup> "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) <sup>6</sup> When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Again he asked them, "Who is it you want?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup> "I told you that I am he," Jesus answered.

"If you are looking for me, then let these men go." <sup>9</sup> This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me." <sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) <sup>11</sup> Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"

**Community Group Questions:**

1. Do you think about "standing" before God one day?
2. Has that reality ever kept you from sounding off, and remaining humble?
3. Describe the feelings associated with a grace that forgives the likes of Peter and you, despite our erratic behaviors?

## I. The great I am of Scripture.

### Jesus takes the divine name upon Himself.

Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?"<sup>5</sup> "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "I am he," Jesus said. John 18:4,5

Moses replies, "Who should I tell sent me?"

God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'" Exodus 3:14

## II. No one can stand in God's presence

"So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees."

John 18:2

That word *detachment* is a Greek word -*Speria*; meaning a troop of 600 Roman soldiers. More likely it was a *Maniple* of (60-120 soldiers). Still hardened soldiers of Rome.

"When Jesus said, 'I am he,' they drew back and fell to the ground."

John 18:6

God's glory in the Old Testament brought a similar result.

*I fell facedown, and I heard the voice of one speaking.*

Ezekiel 1:28

*The priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud (of God's glory)*

2 Chronicles 5:14

Jesus is arrested, but only by the will of the Father.

Pilate demanded. "Don't you realize that I have the power to release you or crucify you?"<sup>11</sup> Then Jesus said, "You would have no power over me at all unless it were given to you from above.

John 19:10,11

At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,<sup>11</sup> and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:10,11

## III. The judge is judged.

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John 18:7-9

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