

In the Valley of Decision

John 18:15 through 19:16

“Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.” **Joel 3:14**

Introduction:

Peter

The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.”

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” Peter again denied it.

John 18:17 & 25-27

Priests

“The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.” **John 18:19**

“How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?”

John 5:44

Many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God. **John 12:42-43**

Pilate

“I find no guilt in him, but...” **John 18:38-39**

“From then on Pilate sought to release him, but...” **John 19:12**

“So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.” **John 19:16**

People (like us)

“But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber. **John 18:39-40**

The Passover Lamb; Perfect High Priest; Preeminent King

They themselves did not enter the governor’s headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. **John 18:28**
Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. **1 Corinthians 5:7**

Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. **John 18:24**

The law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath...appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever. **Hebrews 7:28**

“My kingdom is not from the world.” **John 18:36**

He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Colossians 1:18