

Preparation Questions
John 18. 1 – 27
Last man standing

Opener: How would you answer a colleague in the office who asks you the questions: *“Why did Jesus die?”* & *“What does it mean to you?”*

After the lengthy conversation between Jesus and his disciples where he prepared them for his departure and explained the implications of his death, the action resumes. John interprets the action for us by the way he arranges his account and his narrator’s comments. This enables us to understand the significance of what is happening.

Text 1: What do the details of Jesus’ arrest in v1-11 and John’s comments in v4&8 show us about Jesus and his approach to his death?

OT sharpener: How do Exodus 6v2 and Isaiah 42v8 help us understand what Jesus is saying about himself in vs5-8? How do Psalm 75v8 and Jeremiah 25vs15-29 help us understand what Jesus means by the ‘cup’ in v11 and therefore further grasp why Jesus goes to his death?

Text2: John interweaves the account about Jesus’ arrest and trial with Peter’s denials. What do we observe/learn about each? What do we learn about Jesus’ death through this comparison, particular given John’s comment in v14?

Jesus (18v5, 11, 18-24)	Peter (18v10, 17-18, 25-27)	What do we learn about Jesus’ death?
		(hint: remember John 13v8 & 37-38)

OT sharpener: Read Isaiah 53, in what different ways is Jesus fulfilling this prophecy in today’s passage?

Context sharpener: Look back at John 1vs29 & 36; 3v15; 6v39; 10v11 & 17-18; 12v23-24 & 32-33; 14v31. How does this passage help us see what it means for Jesus to deliver on these promises?

Ones to keep chewing on:

From what John has taught us in this particular passage, how would you answer a colleague in the office who asks you the questions: *“Why did Jesus die?”* & *“What does it mean to you?”*