

DURING THE DARK HOURS (John 18)

Luke 22:53 When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

- I. THE DARK HOUR OF **PRAYER** (John 18:1-2)
 - A. Christ's special place of prayer
 - B. Christ's final time of prayer in preparation for **the crisis**
 - C. Submitting Himself to the **will** of the Father
 - D. The dark hour was an hour of **crisis** (Gethsemane to Golgotha)

- II. THE DARK HOUR OF **BETRAYAL** (John 18:3)
 - A. Betrayed due to the desire for **personal gain** (money)
 - B. Betrayed with a sign of **affection** and **honor**
 - C. Betrayed set up by the **religious** leaders
 - D. Be prepared for your dark hour of **betrayal**

- III. THE DARK HOUR OF **CAPTIVITY** (John 18:4-12)
 - A. The Jewish mob came in the dark of night
 - B. Christ was fully **aware** of the immediate crisis (18:4)
 - C. Christ reveals Himself as the one they are seeking to arrest (18:4, 5)
 - D. Christ's request to allow for His disciples to be **let go** (18:8, 9)
 - E. Peter cuts off the **ear** of the servant of the High Priest (18:10)
 - F. Christ **surrenders** to being arrested and bound (18:12)
 - G. Be prepared for the dark hour of personal **captivity**

- IV. THE DARK HOUR OF **DENIAL** (John 18:15-27)
 - A. Peter and John follow Christ to the **place** of Jewish Judgment
 - B. Peter denies Christ three times, the final one by **cursing**
 - C. Peter gazes into the eyes of Christ and leaves to **cry bitterly**
 - D. Be prepared for the dark hour of **denial**

- V. THE HOUR OF **JUDGMENT** (John 18:13-40)
 - A. The judgment of **Annas** (18:13-23)
 - B. The judgment of **Caiaphas** (18:24)
 - C. The judgment of **Pilate** (18:28-40)
 - D. Be prepared for your dark hour of **judgment**