

CCC Message Notes

*Jesus, Peter, Annas, Pilate & the Crowd ... Each One
Does What They Do Because of Who They Are* - John 18:15-40
What at First Appears to Be the Ultimate Defeat Continues to Unfold
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THEME / (The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

As the crucifixion looms, what needs to happen happens just as God intends.

APPLICATION / (What to Do with What You Hear)

We can learn a lot about who we & others are when the pressure's on.

FOCUS / (The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

Have you ever been surprised at your behavior? Have you ever been blown away by how easily you can be blown away? Does the best & worst in you seem to have lives of their own? Have you ever been so disappointed in yourself that you just wanted to run away & hide? Or just quit? Of course you have. Me too. Everyone has.

One of the big take aways from this morning's message as we see the details unfold in what takes place immediately after Jesus' arrest is owning the truth that one's true colors truly show when the light of pressure, chaos & confusion shines upon them.

Don't let that bum you out. Let it affirm God's desire for us to grow in the grace & knowledge of Him as we keep growing in the grace & knowledge of Him :-)

Lessons We Can Learn from Right After Jesus' Arrest

1. The FEAR of MAN really is a SNARE.

Peter caves into a struggle we each can fall into too anytime & anywhere.
John 18:15-8 & 25-27

2. Someone can ENCOUNTER JESUS without ever GETTING RIGHT with GOD.

Crossing paths with Jesus means nothing without a surrender to Him.
John 18:19-24

3. The ONE on EARTH who DECIDED JESUS' FATE □ said He was NOT GUILTY of ANY CRIME.

Of course even Pilate's verdict & decision were part of God's plan.
John 18:28-49

4. YOU & I are BARABBAS.

It's imperative that we not miss this. Jesus died in our place for our sins.
John 18:40

Making It Real Questions

- * Are you as convinced as ever that caring more about what people may think or feel than what God knows & desires can only lead to trouble & pain?
- * Can you see that encountering God is no guarantee of getting right with God?
- * How does knowing Pilate's decision was still within God's perfect plan comfort you?
- * Have you ever seen yourself in Barabbas? If not, wouldn't today be a good day to do so?

Action Step

Write down how similar you & Barabbas are & thank God for dying in your place.