

November 25, 2018  
John 18:12-24

## **THE ARREST OF AN INNOCENT MAN**

### **I. Introduction:**

“Have you ever been accused of something when you were completely innocent?”

### **II. Events Leading Up To Jesus Arrest:**

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday

### **III. The Night Of Jesus Arrest:**

“Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?” John 18:11

<sup>12</sup> Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him <sup>13</sup> and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it would be good if one man died for the people.” John 18:12-14

### **IV. A Look At Annas**

#### **A. The “Godfather”**

The high priests and Pharisees called a meeting of the Jewish ruling body. "What do we do now?" they asked. "This man keeps on performing miracles. If we let him go on, pretty soon everyone will be believing in him ... and the Romans will come and remove what little power and privilege we still have."

Then one of them—it was Caiaphas, the designated Chief Priest that year—spoke up, "Don't you know anything? Can't you see that it's better for one man to die for the people rather than the whole nation be destroyed?" John 11:47-52

## **B. The Kangaroo Court (The Jewish Laws)**

- No Trials Were To Be Held At Night
- No Trials Were To Be Held On The Sabbath Eve or Festivals
- All Trials Were To Be Open To The Public
- All trials were to be held in the Hall of Judgment
- Any Capital Case had to follow a strict order –
- No one could be Sentenced in a Capital Case until the following day
- An accused person could not be required to testify against himself
- The High Priest could not participate in the questioning
- No accusation could be given unless it was brought by two or more witnesses –

## **V. The Innocent Man**

When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan." Proverbs 29:2

Pray for rulers and for all who have authority so that we can have quiet and peaceful lives full of worship and respect for God." 2 Timothy 2:2

## **VI. Conclusion And Application:**