

- b. Jesus' response, vs. 20-21.
    - i. A sharp contrast, vs. 20.
    - ii. Exposing the injustice, vs 21.
  - c. The slap in the face, vs. 22-24, John 3:19-20.
5. Peter's subsequent denials, vs. 25-27.
- a. Re-acclimating to the courtyard, vs. 25a, Luke 22:61.
  - b. The second denial, vs. 25b.
  - c. The third denial, vs. 26-27, John 13:38.

C. Interpretation

III. Application

IV. Conclusion

Previous sermons covering these verses...

- 4/22/2011 -- Agony and Ecstasy in the Garden; John 18:1
- 4/06/2012 -- The Kiss of Betrayal; John 18:2-3
- 3/29/2013 -- The Prophet, Priest and King of Gethsemane; John 18:4-9
- 4/18/2014 -- Fracas in the Garden; John 18:10-12
- 3/25/2016 -- Interview with the King of Thieves; John 18:12-14,19-24
- 3/30/2018 -- Portraits of Denial; John 18:15-18, 25-27

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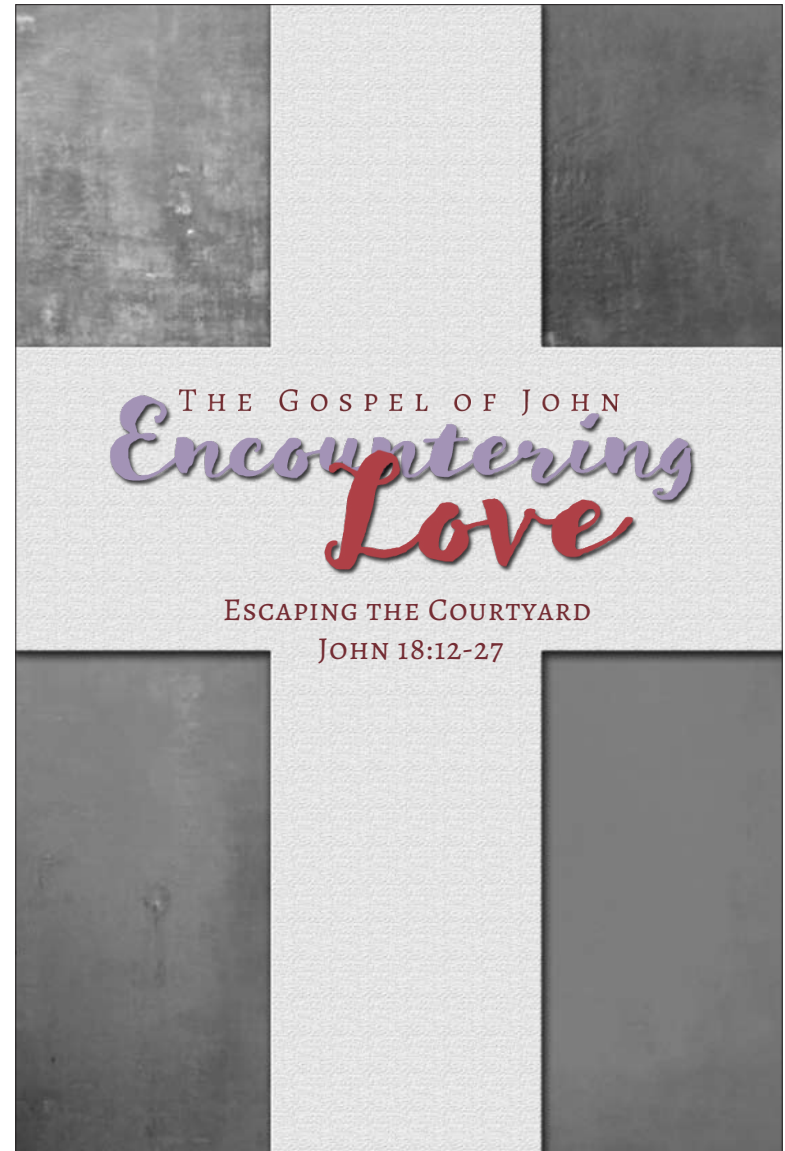
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## Traditional Worship Service

May 3, 2020  
10:00 a.m.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

"Living Hope"

### WELCOME AND INVOCATION TO WORSHIP

MOMENT IN THE WORD: Heb. 4:14-16

### SINGING TOGETHER:

"I Belong to the King"

"This Is My Father's World"

"Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer"

RESPONSIVE READING: Zech. 9:16-10:7

### PRAYER FOR THE GATHERING

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE SONG: 'Doxology'

SCRIPTURE READING: John 18:12-27

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE: "Escaping the Courtyard" John 18:12-27

### PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

### RESPONSE SONG

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

### BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION - "Thou Art Worthy, Great Jehovah"

Rev. Kirby Williams  
Worship Leader - Byron & Stacy Cox

## "Escaping the Courtyard"

John 18:12-27

I. Introduction, Gen. 3:1,4,5.

II. Exposition of the text, John 18:12-27.

#### A. Context

1. The High Priestly Prayer.
2. The standoff in the Garden.
3. Peter in the spotlight.

#### B. Confrontation with evil.

##### 1. Overview.

- a. John's approach.
- b. A condensed version.

##### 2. From the garden to the palace, vs. 12-14.

- a. Jesus arrested, vs. 12.
  - i. Revisiting the "band".
  - ii. The ultimate evil.
  - iii. The infinite Lord-- bound, John 8:34,36, 5:22.
- b. Sorting out the issue of the high priests, vs. 13-14.
  - i. Will the real high priest stand up, vs. 13.
    - The "high priest of evil".
    - A profound contrast.
  - ii. Little chance of a fair trial, vs. 14.

##### 3. Peter's first denial, vs. 15-18.

- a. Setting the scene, vs. 15-16.
  - i. The "other" disciple, vs. 15.
    - Peter: the paradox.
    - The identity of the "other" disciple.
  - ii. Getting Peter inside, vs. 16.
- b. Peter's first denial, vs. 17.

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- i. The portress's question.
- ii. Peter's response, John 13:37, Matt. 26:41, Matt. 10:33.

##### c. A man in "immortal" danger, vs. 18.

- i. Harmonizing the Gospels.
- ii. Teetering on the edge of darkness, John 18:5, 17:9,15,12.

##### 4. The interview with Annas, vs. 19-24.

- a. The question from the snake, vs. 19.

**Worship Songs**  
10:00 a.m. Service  
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**Moment in the Word: Heb. 4:14-16**

Heb. 4:14. Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Heb. 4:15. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Heb. 4:16. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**Scripture Reading: Zech. 9:16-10:7**

Zech. 9:16. On that day the Lord their God will save them, as the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land.

Zech. 9:17. For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.

Zech. 10:1. Ask rain from the Lord in the season of the spring rain, from the Lord who makes the storm clouds, and he will give them showers of rain, to everyone the vegetation in the field.

Zech. 10:2. For the household gods utter nonsense, and the diviners see lies; they tell false dreams and give empty consolation. Therefore the people wander like sheep; they are afflicted for lack of a shepherd.

Zech. 10:3. My anger is hot against the shepherds, and I will punish the leaders; for the Lord of hosts cares for his flock, the house of Judah, and will make them like his majestic steed in battle.

Zech. 10:4. From him shall come the cornerstone, from him the tent peg, from him the battle bow, from him every ruler- all of them together.

Zech. 10:5. They shall be like mighty men in battle, trampling the foe in the mud of the streets; they shall fight because the Lord is with them, and they shall put to shame the riders on horses.

Zech. 10:6. I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph. I will bring them back because I have compassion on them, and they shall be as though I had not rejected them, for I am the Lord their God and I will answer them.

Zech. 10:7. Then Ephraim shall become like a mighty warrior, and their hearts shall be glad as with wine. Their children shall see it and be glad; their hearts shall rejoice in the Lord.

**Living Hope**

How great the chasm, that lay between us.  
How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation, I turned to heaven,  
And spoke Your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness,  
tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope!

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory,  
to wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.  
The King of Kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever!  
Jesus Christ, my living hope!

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.

You have broken every chain,  
There's salvation in Your name.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope!

Then came the morning, that sealed the promise.  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion,  
declared the grave has no claim on me.  
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Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion,  
declared the grave has no claim on me.  
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.  
You have broken every chain,  
There's salvation in Your name.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope!  
(Repeat)

Jesus Christ, my living hope.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

### **I Belong to the King**

I belong to the King, I'm a child of his love,  
I shall dwell in His palace so fair;  
For He tells of its bliss in yon heaven above,  
And His children in splendor shall share.

Refrain

I belong to the King, I'm a child of his love,  
And He never forsaketh His own;  
He will call me some day to His palace above,  
I shall dwell by His glorified throne.

I belong to the King, and He loves me, I know,  
For His mercy and kindness, so free,  
Are unceasingly mine, wheresoever I go,  
And my refuge unfailing is He. (Refrain)

I belong to the King, and His promise is sure,  
That we all shall be gathered at last  
In His kingdom above, by life's waters so pure,  
When this life with its trials is past.  
(Refrain)

### **This Is My Father's World**

This is my Father's world,  
And to my list'ning ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings,  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world,  
I rest me in the thought,  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,  
The birds their carols raise;  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world,  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world,  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world,  
The battle is not done;  
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heav'n be one.

## Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer

Jesus draw me ever nearer  
As I labor through the storm;  
You have called me to this passage,  
And I'll follow, though I'm worn.

### Refrain

May this journey bring a blessing;  
May I rise on wings of faith,  
And at the end of my heart's testing,  
With Your likeness let me wake.

Jesus, guide me through the tempest,  
Keep my spirit staid and sure;  
When the midnight meets the morning,  
Let me love You even more.  
(Refrain)

Let the treasures of the trial  
Form within me as I go;  
And at the end of this long passage,  
Let me leave them at Your throne.  
(Refrain)

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

## Fill My Cup, Lord

Fill my cup, Lord-- I lift it up, Lord!  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.  
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

## Thou Art Worthy, Great Jehovah

Thou art worthy, Great Jehovah.  
Thou are worthy, Mighty God.  
Thou art worthy, Abba Father.  
Thou are worthy, Lamb of God.