

A DIFFICULT NIGHT  
(John 18:12-27)

- I. Religious TRIAL, Part 1 (John 18:12-14)
  - A. Jesus was ARRESTED and BOUND
  - B. He was taken FIRST to Annas
    - 1. He was the FORMER High Priest and father-in-law to the CURRENT High Priest (Caiaphas)
    - 2. He controlled the CONCESSIONS in the TEMPLE
  - C. Caiaphas had counseled that Jesus NEEDED to DIE
- II. Peter's DENIAL, Part 1 (John 18:15-18)
  - A. PETER and "ANOTHER disciple" were following Jesus
  - B. The unnamed disciple was probably JOHN
    - 1. He had probably been in the UPPER ROOM
    - 2. He was ADMITTED to the courtyard of the high priest
    - 3. He could VOUCH FOR a guest's admittance to the courtyard
    - 4. He knew PETER and arranged to have him ADMITTED
  - C. Peter told the doorkeeper he was not a DISCIPLE of "this man"
  - D. Peter was STANDING with the slaves and officers around a charcoal fire for WARMTH
- III. Religious TRIAL, Part 2 (John 18:19-24)

- A. Several aspects of this trial were ILLEGAL
- B. Annas asked about His DISCIPLES and His TEACHING
- C. Jesus responded that He had spoken OPENLY
- D. One of the officers STRUCK Jesus and REBUKED Him
- E. Jesus cited the LAW in rebuking the OFFICER
- F. Annas sent Him BOUND to Caiaphas

IV. Peter's DENIAL, Part 2 (John 18:25-27)

- A. "THEY" asked the same question as the DOORKEEPER
- B. Peter again DENIED being a DISCIPLE of Jesus
- C. Another claimed to RECOGNIZE Peter from the Gethsemane
- D. Peter DENIED it AGAIN
- E. "Immediately a rooster CROWED"