

The Binding of Jesus
John 18:12-14

I. Introduction

A. Review

1. Jesus is now **arrested**—**Judas** has led a **cohort** of **Romans** along with **officers** from the **Priests & Pharisees** to **Gethsemane**
2. Jesus **could** have **avoided** them, but **yields** Himself into their **hands**

B. Active & Passive Obedience

1. Note the **distinction** of Christ's "**active**" & "**passive**" obedience:
 - a. His **active** obedience speaks of what He **does**—*i.e.* His **obeying** the **demands** of **law**, living a **holy, righteous, obedient** life
 - b. His **passive** obedience speaks of what's done **to** Him—*i.e.* His **suffering** the **penalty** for **our** violations & failure to **keep** the **law**
2. It's somewhat **artificial**—for His **sufferings** were in **obedience** to a **command**, & His **obedience** was in the **midst** of His **suffering**
3. But it's **helpful** in **reminding** us that **more** is **needed** for **salvation** than **just** the **payment** for **sin**—a **positive, active** righteousness is **required**
4. We've **seen** His **active** obedience—**now** His **passive** obedience!

II. The Binding of Jesus

A. Text Opened

1. Cp. **Text**—same **band** seen in **Vs. 3**, **takes**, **binds** & **leads** Him **away**
2. John **adds** a **detail**—**before** going to **Caiaphas**, He **1st** goes to **Annas**
3. **Why? Consider** the **High Priest** in that day:
 - a. Note: **Judea** was an **occupied** land, **with** a **Roman** governor
 - b. In **absence** of **King**, the **H.P.** is the **local** authority—Cp. **Iraq**
 - c. He **serves** at the **whim** of the **Romans**, who **appoint** & **remove!**
4. **What** does this have to do with **Annas**?
 - a. **Annas** was the **1st** such **H.P. appointee**, by **Quirinius**, **7-15 AD**
 - b. After He was **deposed**, he's **followed** by **3** sons in **3** years!
 - c. Then, His **son-in-law**, "**Joseph Caiaphas**", is **appointed** by **Valerius Gratus** (*Pilate's predecessor*) & **serves** from **18-36 AD!**
 - d. **After** he was **deposed**, other **sons** of **Annas** followed—**eventually**, **5** sons, **1** grandson, & **1** son-in-law would be **H.P.**—Cp. **Fords!**
 - e. **Cp. Lk. 3:1-2 & Acts 4:5-6**—**Caiaphas** is **H.P.**; **Annas** the **power!**
5. Cp. **Vs. 14**—**this** Caiaphas is the **same** one in **Jn. 11:49ff**—**unbiased?**

III. Application

A. The Significance of Binding

1. Note "**Typical**" significance—**Gen. 22:9**—**Isaac** submits to **Abraham!**
2. Note "**Sacerdotal**" significance—sacrifice **bound** to **altar**—**Ps. 118:27**
3. So we **see** the full **surrender** & **submission** of Christ into the **hands** of His **enemies**—to **go** where they **take** Him, **endure** what they **give!**

B. The Sinfulness of Sin

1. Note that we **see** the exceeding **sinfulness** of **man** here in all this!
2. Man, the **creature**, has His **Creator** in his **hands**—what will he **do?**
3. He'll **betray** the **Innocent**; **bind** his **Liberator**; **humiliate** his **King**;

condemn the Just; injure his healer; murder his Messiah Savior!

4. In **sum**, it's the **expression** of all man's **enmity** towards his **Maker**, his **rage** towards his **Sovereign**, **compressed** into a **few** hours—**sin!**

B. The Course of Sin

1. Note **correspondence** in what He **receives** & what is **our** due!
2. In the **sequence** of things done to **Him**, we see our **own** history w/**sin**:
 - a. It **begins** w/**betrayal**—promising us **happiness, fulfillment, joy, & life**—but **leaves** us **empty, miserable & wretched!**
 - b. Then it **binds** us—promising us **freedom** (*from God!*), it **binds** us, leaving us **tied, shackled & bound**—**slaves** to **Satan's** desires!
 - c. Then it **condemns** us, **mocks** us, **humiliates & denigrates** us, & eventually, it **destroys** us—when **finished**, it brings forth **death**
3. **His** history is compressed **recapitulation** of **our** history & experience

C. The Judgment of Sin

1. This **correspondence** also means that what **happened** to **Him**, **should** have **happened** to **us!** This is what **judgment** on sin **looks** like!
2. **Judgment** is to have every **mercy**, every **grace**, every **comfort**, every **compassion**, everything that makes life **life**, **removed** from us!
3. **This** is God's **judgment** on His **Son!** **So** shall it be when the **heavens** remove & **mighty** men **flee**—when **judgment** w/o **mercy** is **rendered!**
4. **Will** God not **do** it? The **fact** that He judged the **sin** laid upon His **Son** is **guarantee** of **your** judgment if you **die** in **your** sins!

D. The Death of Sin

1. **Never** forget: **All** that **He** experienced, all that **He** endured, was **done** so His **people**—those who **believe** in **Him**—might **not** endure it!
2. He's **condemned**—**we, justified!** He's **humiliated**—**we, glorified!** He's **beaten**—**we, healed!** He's **cursed**—**we, blest!** He **dies**—**we, live!**
3. Finally, as in our **text**—**He** is **bound** that **we** might be set **free!**
4. Line from "*Chariots of Fire*"—Sam Gianni to Erick Little's friend & train-or—"Don't **lose** him; you'll never find **another** one **like** him!"
5. **Sinner!** You'll **never** find **another** like **Him!** Never **another** so exactly **fitted & tailored** to your **precise** need before God
6. Never **another** who **would** or **could** do for **you** what **must** be done if your **soul** be **saved!** Don't let Him **slip** away or **pass** you by!