

**“Shall I Not Drink the Cup which My Father Has Given Me?”**

**John 18:1-11**

**King Jesus lays down His life of His own initiative.**

**1. Jesus Goes forth to Meet His “Captors!”**

**vv. 4-6**

**(1) A Perfect Submission to  
and Confidence in His Father’s Will**

*“Jesus therefore, knowing all things  
that would come upon Him,  
went forward and said to them,  
‘Whom are you seeking?’”*

- “knowing all things that would come upon Him” **cf. 13:3**

**(2) The Strangest “Arrest” in all of History!** *“Jesus...said to them, ‘Whom are you seeking?’  
They answered Him, ‘Jesus of Nazareth.’”*

**Q: Who’s in charge here?! A: The Triune God!**

- He inquires of *them!* They must answer Him!

- A great confrontation between light and darkness here!

**His “captors” stung by His authority!**

*“Jesus said to them, ‘I am.’  
Now when He said to them, ‘I am,’  
they drew back and fell to the ground.”*

- **“I am”**

- Echoes the authority of His messianic office – the Anointed One of God  
- cf. 6:35; 8:11, 58; 10:7,11; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1,5

**2. Jesus Intervenes for His Own**

**vv. 7-9**

**(1) He protects them from what  
they otherwise could not bear!**

*“Then He asked them again, ‘Whom are you seeking?’  
And they said, ‘Jesus of Nazareth.’  
Jesus answered, ‘I have told you that I am He.  
Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way,’  
that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke,  
‘Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none.’”*

- Physical harm? Spiritual peril?  
**Both!**

- He stands between His own and the powers of darkness  
lest His people be crushed by the enemy!

**(2) The fulfillment of His own word! cf. 17:12**

**3. Jesus Presses the Necessity of His Sacrifice**

**vv. 10-11**

**(1) The Cross Unacceptable  
to Human Understanding!**

*“Then Simon Peter, having a sword,  
drew it and struck the high Priest’s servant,  
and cut off his right ear.”*

- Peter (again!) resists Jesus’ self-humiliation and self-offering

- cf. Matt. 16:21-23

- He now stands in the way by resorting to violence!

**(2) To Jesus: “The Cup” which His Father Had Given Him**

*“Put your sword into the sheath.*

*Shall I not drink the cup  
which My Father has given Me?”*

**-1- Jesus must restrain Peter!**

Jesus must often restrain His own from the foolishness of their ways!  
The harsh and clumsy movements of unbelief.  
The spasms of unbelief and of the flesh!

**-2- The cup of suffering** *“Shall I not certainly drink the cup...?”*

- That allotted to Him by His Father  
- His portion as the “Sin-bearer”

**Further Application:**