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INTRODUCTION

- A. TEXT: *“Jesus therefore, knowing all the things that were coming upon him, went forth and saith unto them, **Whom seek ye?** They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he.”* (John 18:4-5).
- B. SETTING:
1. THE SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS, LEAD BY Judas have arrived to arrest Jesus.
 2. Their shock when He did not try to hid or escape.
 3. They expected either “fight or flight.”
- C. It is Interesting To Follow The Questions Asked In This Chapter.
1. From them we learn much about those who ask.
 2. We learn more about Jesus.
 3. And applying some of these questions to our self, we can learn about us.
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FOR THE MOB

- A. “WHOM SEEK YE?”
1. Logical question. It was evident from their appearance they were seeking someone.
 2. We are seeking “Jesus of Nazareth.”
 - a. Was this contemptuous?
 - b. Not Jesus. Not Jesus of Jerusalem or Galilee.
 3. Jesus’ immediate response.... “*I AM HE*”.
 - a. Make no mistake. Do not think it is one of the disciples.
 - b. His answer, and immediate confession took them by surprise.
- B. **SO MUCH SO THAT HE ASKED AGAIN**... *Whom seek ye?*
1. They were expecting Him to deny or to hide.
 2. They had brought Judas, to personally identify Him.
- C. TODAY: A lot of people are surprised when they meet Jesus.
1. Not what they were looking for.
 2. It was not what they expected.
 3. Jesus does not hid from man today. If we want to find Him we can!
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BY HIGH PRIEST

- A. TWO PART QUESTION. v. 19.
1. "Who Are Your Disciples?"
 2. "What Do You Teach?"
- B. **NOT SINCERE QUESTION BECAUSE:**
1. They had been watching Jesus for 3 years.
 2. They knew His followers were of the people.
 3. It was not a secret fellowship.
- C. THEY HAD HEARD HIM TEACH.
1. Were familiar with His lessons.
 2. They did not accept or agree...But they knew what He taught.
 3. As seen earlier They were jealous.
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QUESTION BY PILATE

- A. HIS QUESTIONS FOR THE JEWS.
1. "*What accusation bring ye against this man*". v. 29.
 2. They had brought Jesus to Pilate before the day had dawned.
 3. At this early hour, Pilate must have thought it to be a serious charge.
- B. HE MUST HAVE BEEN AMAZED AT THEIR ANSWER.
1. **What he might have expected...murder; treason; some high crime!**
 2. Instead all they could say was; "*If this man were not an evil doer, we should not have delivered him up to thee.*" v. 30.
 3. At this, Pilate sought to dismiss the case.
 4. Only to find out they were seeking the **death penalty**. v. 32.
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Pilate Questions Jesus

- A. *ART THOU THE KING OF THE JEWS?* v. 33.
1. It would appear that the governor was more amused then disturbed by this accusation.
 2. **"THOU" is emphatic position in the Greek.**
 3. "Thou"...One so humbled, the King of the Jews?...
 4. Obviously he did not see the threat the Jews wanted him to see.

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B. *"WHAT HAS THOU DONE?"* v. 35.

1. He did not like the answer Jesus had given. V. 34.
2. There seems to be scorn in this reply.
3. Pilate understood it had to do with Jewish law, which he did not understand.

C. *"ART THOU A KING THEN?"* v. 37.

1. Jesus had spoke of His kingdom. v. 36.
2. To Pilate there seemed to be nothing to pose a threat to Rome.

D. *"WHAT IS TRUTH?"* v. 38.

1. Some see this as an earnest longing of a sincere heart.
2. Others view it as worldly skepticism.
3. Perhaps Pilate was simply weary of futher discussion.

4. **How good it would be if it were a truly sincere Question!**

OUR LAST QUESTION

A. This Very Important Question is Asked Three Times.

1. Man's eternal destiny depends on the answer to this question.
2. We will see it as applied to Peter, Then consider it as applied to us!

B. THE QUESTION:

1. *"Art thou one of his disciples?"* v. 17.
2. Same question in v. 27.
3. Then a kinsman of him whose ear Peter had cut off... *"Did not I see thee in the garden with him?"* v. 26.
 - a. Was Peter scared?
 - b. Did he think of the consequence, if he was known to have been with Jesus?

C. WE KNOW PETER'S ANSWER.

1. No
2. **NO!**
3. *"Then began he to curse and to swear, I know not the man."* (Matt. 26:74). How emphatic his 3rd "no" was.

D. **THE LAST QUESTION OF OUR LESSON!**

1. Are **YOU** one of "this man's disciples?"
 2. What is **YOUR** answer?
 3. Remember — A disciple is a follower....where ever Jesus leads!
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