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# JOHN

LIFE IN JESUS

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John 18:12-14; 19-24  
Sunday, March 3, 2024  
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*As he moves his Gospel account into the final day of Jesus's life, John recounts how Jesus willingly endured injustice and evil from the religious leaders. We look deep into this account of hatred against Jesus to see why it happened and what that means for us today.*

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This is \_\_\_\_\_

This is the Jews \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This is \_\_\_\_\_

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## TAKING ACTION

As we begin to meditate on Easter, make time to read John 18 this week, and meditate on Christ's suffering for you. Find a way—through contemplative prayer, journaling, or discussing with a friend—to sink the truths of Christ's love for you deeper into your heart.

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Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ of God

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**NEXT WEEK:** *Peter Denies Jesus | John 18:15-18; 25-27*

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*Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at [gracecentralcoast.org/groups](https://gracecentralcoast.org/groups)*

### CONNECT *(ask this question to check-in with your group)*

Are you doing anything to spiritually prepare for Easter and celebrating the cross and resurrection?

### DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read the whole of John 18:1-14; 19-24 together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? How did God speak to you in the text/message?
2. If Jesus really is God, then he is facing here the worst injustice in human history. How does this text (and other portions of Scripture) help us see how God relates to the injustice we face and create in our lives and world?
3. How is v.11 the driving force behind the "why" of Jesus enduring all this suffering and injustice?

4. How is v.14 the Gospel in miniature? Look back at John 11:45-53 for some helpful context.
5. Look at Jesus's teaching in Matthew 5:38-48. This teaching sounds impossible, yet John 18 shows Jesus living up to his own standards. How is Jesus doing this in John 18, and how can it be an example for us?
6. Jesus submits to the Father's will and sees God's faithfulness on the other side of obedience. Share a time you had to trust God in a dark season and saw God be faithful to you through it.

### PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Pray for comfort for those facing injustice in our world. Pray for God to empower Christians to intervene wherever we can.
- Praise Jesus for his willingness to suffer for us
- Confess ways you are "striking" Jesus and resisting him as Lord.
- Share and pray for one another's needs.