



The Courage of Our Glorious Savior

John 18:1-27

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The resolve with which Jesus Christ willingly stepped toward His own betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion should leave us in awe of His glory, but should also give us a sense of anticipation that we are called to follow Him and to suffer in His name.

Seeing Jesus Christ willingly sacrifice His life for sinners should lead us to worship. But Peter reminds us that there is another takeaway...

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you might follow in His steps. 1 Peter 2:21

1. As Jesus Christ willingly stepped forward toward His betrayer and toward an arresting army, He displayed the glory of God that John's gospel has been pointing us toward since chapter one (John 18:1-11).
2. As Jesus Christ boldly spoke truth during His hearings before the Jewish priests, He displayed the glory of God (John 18:12-14, 19-24).

At stake in these hearings was the fundamental question of the identity of Jesus. He is who He claimed to be, the Messiah and the Son of God.

3. Peter's three denials of Jesus served to further highlight the glory of God in the courage of Jesus Christ (John 18:15-18, 25-27).

4. Application (2 Timothy 1:6-12): If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you have been called to follow after the example of your glorious Savior (1 Peter 2:21), and we can do so because we know whom we have believed.

God will preserve His people in this life for as long as He is using them here on earth, and when that day ends, it only gets better, because we will be with our glorious Savior in heaven.

Questions to Consider

1. When was the last time you were tempted to avoid speaking about Jesus Christ for fear of some kind of criticism or repercussions?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:18-23. What are some of the lessons you should take from the suffering of Jesus Christ to apply to instances when you may suffer unjustly?
3. What are some of the evidences of the courage of Jesus from John 18:1-27? And how does this passage display the glory of God?
4. What is the significance of Jesus saying "I am" in John 18:4 (cf. John 8:58)?
5. Why did Jesus not simply turn the other cheek during His hearing before Annas?
6. Read 2 Timothy 1:6-12. What lessons can we apply to our suffering for Jesus Christ? Note the numerous mentions of suffering and boldness in 2 Timothy (2:3, 2:9-13, 15, 3:10-12, 4:5, 4:18). What are some of the similar lessons you see from Paul's warnings about suffering for Christ?