

## Shock and Awe

### Problem:

Matt 16:21-23 -> Jn 1:5

We cannot view the events leading up to Jesus' death as a tragedy, that's what Peter did and he was rebuked for it, to view them properly we must view them as a triumph

### CPT:

John reveals to us that even in the gloomy shadow of the cross Jesus shines forth as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords for whom every knee will bow

### TEXT:

#### The King's Confrontation

John 18:1 ¶ When Jesus had spoken these words, **he went out** with his disciples across the brook Kidron (gloomy), **where there was a garden**, which he and his disciples entered.

John 18:2 Now **Judas**, who betrayed him, **also knew the place**, for Jesus often met there with his disciples.

John 18:3 So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers (cohort - around 600 soldiers) and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

*Kidron- gloomy - rejected - (2 Sam 15:13, 23; Jn 1:9-13)*

*also knew the place - Jesus went to be found - (Matt 26:36; Mk 14:32; Luke 22:39-40)*

*- he does not emphasize prayer as the reason but emphasizes familiarity 18:4*

*- Jesus knew Jn 13:1, 3, 11; 16:19; 17:1; Lk 22:52-53*

*Jn 18:12 - This is the world of darkness arrayed against the light of the world with puny torches and man made weapons*

#### The King's Confirmation

John 18:4 Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, **"Whom do you seek?"**

John 18:5 They answered him, "**Jesus** of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, **"I am he."** Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.

John 18:6 When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.

*Whom do you seek - began Jn 1:38-39 - first words of Christ in John*

*- end the presentation Jn 20:15-16*

*I Am - John 6:35; 8:12; 10:9; 10:11; 11:25-26; 14:6; 15:5;*

*Generally the I AM - 8:24; 28; 51-58; 13:18-19 -THIS IS SHOCK AND AWE*

*Shock and awe (technically known as rapid dominance) is a military doctrine based on the use of overwhelming power and spectacular displays of force to paralyze the enemy's perception of the battlefield and destroy its will to fight*

#### The King's Command

John 18:7 So he asked them again, **"Whom do you seek?"** And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

John 18:8 Jesus answered, **"I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go."**

John 18:9 This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one."

*so -This is the command of a king -Psalm 2*

*with a legion of angels - Matt 26:52-54 - 6000*

*protecting His people - psalm 27:1-3*

**Implication:** behold the Lamb Jn 1:29 —> Jn 18:33, 39; 19:3, 14, 19, 21 - becomes behold the King

#### The King's Cup

John 18:10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) (told to us because he was likely a believer)

John 18:11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; **shall I not drink the cup** that the Father has given me?"

*(10-This is the temptation of Adam vs Christ - (1 Cor 15:45)*

## Shock and Awe

*Peter chose rebellion to the will of God - Matt 16:21-23 (peters sword)  
(11) the cup - Jesus chose obedience - John 10:17-18 - to become sin for us (2 Cor 5:21)  
this is not a tragedy but a triumph of unimaginable scope*

**Application:** bow to Him in Worship because He has separated you from your sin...or Bow to Him in fear because He has not but either way you will bow —> Rev 6:15

### **Main Idea:**

Every knee will bow

### **Implication:**

“behold the Lamb” becomes “behold the King” and this section is the hinge  
behold the Lamb —> Jn 1:29  
becomes behold the King —> Jn 18:33, 39; 19:3, 14, 19, 21

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### **Here are some articles for further discussion and application:**

<http://blogs.thegospelcoalition.org/kevindeyoung/2014/03/04/jesus-friend-of-sinners-but-how/>

<http://www.gotquestions.org/garden-of-Gethsemane.html>

<https://gracethrufaith.com/topical-studies/spiritual-life/the-seven-i-am-statements-in-john/>