



LESSON 22

Chapter 18:1-11

¹When Jesus finished praying, he left with his followers and went across the Kidron Valley. He went into a garden there, his followers still with him.

²Judas, the one who turned against him, knew where this place was. He knew because Jesus often met there with his followers. ³So Judas led a group of soldiers to the garden, along with some guards from the leading priests and the Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns, and weapons.

⁴Jesus already knew everything that would happen to him. So he went out and asked them, "Who are you looking for?"

⁵They answered, "Jesus from Nazareth."

He said, "I am Jesus." (Judas, the one who turned against him, was standing there with them.) ⁶When Jesus said, "I am Jesus," the men moved back and fell to the ground.

⁷He asked them again, "Who are you looking for?"

They said, "Jesus from Nazareth."

⁸Jesus said, "I told you that I am Jesus. So if you are looking for me, let these other men go free." ⁹This was to show the truth of what Jesus said earlier: "I have not lost anyone you gave me."

¹⁰Simon Peter had a sword, which he pulled out and struck the servant of the *high priest*, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) ¹¹Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back in its place! I must drink from the *cup* the Father has given me."

NEW WORDS?

soldiers

weapons

LET'S PRACTICE!

Who was Judas? Who did he bring to the garden with him?

Did Jesus know what was going to happen?

What did the men do when Jesus answered, "I am Jesus"? Why?

How do Jesus and Simon Peter act differently in this story?