The Second Adam Enters His Garden

John 18:1-12

Introduction:

I. Jesus’ Departure –

“When Jesus had spoken these words, ﻿﻿He went out with His disciples over ﻿﻿the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered.”

“went out” may indicate that:

#1. They had been on the way since they had finished observing the Lord’s Supper. (See 13:31)

or, it could indicate that:

#2. They had stayed in the upper room, where He had been teaching them, until this point.

I believe that #2 is more likely.

They went over the Brook Kidron and entered into the Garden [of Gethsemane], where they often met, and even stayed over-night. (See next verse)

II. Jesus’ Discernment – 18:2-9

A. The Coming of Judas – 18:2-3

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“And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; ﻿﻿for Jesus often met there with His disciples.”

That may have been one of the reasons Jesus chose that place. He also was in keeping with the typical teaching of the Day of Atonement. The goat of the sin offering was offered outside the camp. “So Jesus suffered outside the gate.” (Heb 13:12)

Also, He gave His enemies an opportunity to take Him. Remember, He is in charge here not they. That also made it the easier for His disciples to escape.

“Then Judas, having received a detachment *of troops,* and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.”

Pilate gave Judas all that he needed, and more, to capture this “dangerous criminal” A detachment (one tenth of a legion” of soldiers was 500-600), to take one man. But He had escaped before.

John 8:59

“Then took they up stones to cast at him; but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple"

Notice who else is there: “officers from the chief priests and Pharisees. The Romans were there and the Jews were there. (In Jewish thinking, there were Jews and everybody else - Gentiles).

So, who killed Jesus, the Jews or the Romans? The answer is YES! Neither could have done it alone! They were all out there in force.

Jesus died for the sins of the whole world and the whole world was represented and responsible for His death.

B. The Comprehension of Jesus – 18:4-9

1. Supernatural –18:4-6

a. His Knowledge from the Father – 18:4

1). The Fact – 18:4a

“Jesus therefore, ﻿﻿knowing all things that would come upon Him,”

This statement is similar to 13:1, 3 “knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God,”

In 18:4, “knowing all things” is modified by the next clause, “…that would come upon Him” – Not all things “without exception.”

2). The Act – 18:4b

“went forward and said to them, “Whom are you seeking?”

He knew the Judas-led group was coming for Him, but He wanted to offer Himself. They didn’t take Him; He took them.

b. His Power from the Father.

(1). How He Confronted His foes – 18:5

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“They answered Him, ﻿﻿“Jesus ﻿﻿of Nazareth.”

Jesus said to them, “I am {*He}.*” And Judas, who ﻿﻿betrayed Him, also stood with them. Judas is with them, but John does not mention his kiss of betrayal. John’s emphasis is on Jesus’ willingness to die.

His answer was “I am”-- “ἐγώ εἰμι” The “He” is not in the text, though it is intended, Jesus did not say “He.”

The Jews present, including Judas, would automatically think of Moses and the burning bush. Moses said, “They will ask me, ‘What is His Name?’

Exodus 3:14 ﻿

“And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ﻿﻿‘I AM has sent me to you.’

(2). How He Confounded His Foes – 18:6

“Now when He said to them, “I am *He,*” they drew back and fell to the ground.”

Note this quote from Psalm 27:1-2

“The Lord *is* my ﻿﻿light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The ﻿﻿Lord *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked came against me to ﻿﻿eat ﻿﻿up my flesh, My enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell.”

The power of the name of God caused them to fall backward, proving that He was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

2. Scriptural – 18:7-9

“Then He asked them again, “Whom are you seeking?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.”

Question: Why didn’t they say, “You, we are seeking you” Maybe the visibility was poor. (Though the moon was full during Passover.) Or maybe they wanted an admission from Him that He was Jesus of Nazareth.

There were many men named Jesus- salvation.

﻿“Jesus answered, “I have told you that I am*.* Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, ﻿﻿“Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none.”

There is more here than their safety. If they had died with Him, they might have been considered co-saviors. He alone is the Savior. He lost not one. That is a perfect record. And that record still stands and will stand until the “end of eternity.”

III. Jesus’ Defender – 18:10-12

A. Peter’s Fervor – 18:10

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“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.”

John does not tell us where Peter got the sword, but Luke does. (Luke 22:38) There were 2 swords in the upper room. They took them, (presumably) with the owner’s permission.

Peter was not aiming at Malchus’ ear; he was going to slice him in half. He missed by only a few inches. An unseen hand deflected the blow and gave Jesus opportunity to perform one more miracle to show these unbelievers, Peter and the other disciples (and us) that He was from God. Jesus touched his ear and healed him. (Luke 22:51)

* Peter--Fighting for Jesus against 500 men, when he should have been still; a few hours later,
* Peter--Denying Jesus against one girl, when he should have been speaking for Him.

B. Peter’s Failure – 18:11-12

1. Peter’s Admonition – 18:11

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“So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink ﻿﻿the cup which My Father has given Me?”

Jesus had been teaching them all evening about His death, He even gave them an object lesson. (Communion) If Peter had stayed awake, he might have heard Jesus praying to His Father about the cup, referring to His death.Now Jesus asks him a rhetorical question: Shall I not drink ﻿﻿the cup which My Father has given Me?”

2. Jesus’ Arrest

“Then the detachment *of troops* and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him.”

It would seem that Peter’s actions had a reaction. Jesus was arrested and bound.

Conclusion:

 Eden Gethsemane

 First Adam Second Adam

﻿﻿ 1. Delightful 1. Dreadful

2. Talked to Satan 2. Talked to His Father

3. First Adam failed 3. Second Adam succeeded.

4. Tested in the day 4. Tested in the night

5. Fell before his enemy 5. His enemy fell before Him

6. He lost the “human race” 6. He lost none.

7. Took fruit from Satan 7. He took cup from His Father

8. God sought first Adam 8. Second Adam sought God.

 “Adam where are you?

9. A sword was drawn 9. A Sword was sheathed

To Keep them out - Gen 3:24