



- The “crowd” was the Temple Guard (Levites)
- Senior priests (Temple) and Elders (Synagogue) were there for the arrest as part of the Sanhedrin
- John 18:10 identifies Peter as the one with the sword, and a servant of the High Priest named Melekh, whose ear was severed
- Peter thought they were all in danger

# WAS JESUS A PACIFIST?



- *“Everyone who uses a sword will die by the sword..”*
- This was a Proverb, a wisdom saying, not a law
- 1) Holy Men were not violent
- 2) Yeshua knew His fate and didn't want it stopped
- 3) God's will is peace on earth and goodwill to men
- Romans 12:17 – 21
- Sometimes it is not up to us whether a peaceable relationship can happen
- Self-defense is acceptable



- 4) Law of Moses OK with killing in battle, self-defense
- When Jesus returns He will be an avenger
- Yeshua tells Peter that He could ask His Father to send 12 Legions of angels to help Him
- Yeshua was aware that He had a choice
- Yeshua's authority is junior to The Father's

- Calling angels would subvert the purposes of His 1<sup>st</sup> coming
- This isn't Holy War, but it will be when He returns
- #12 12 legions, 12 tribes
- Jesus will allow evil to overcome Him
- Yeshua is permitting Redemption History to take its course
- Isaiah 49:7, Zech. 11:12, Zech. 13:7, Isaiah 53
- The accuracy of these prophecies is amazing!

**A sin offering for humanity**



# A POLITICAL WITCH HUNT

- High Priest feared arresting Jesus at the Temple; could cause riots
- Yeshua says everyone there are participants in the fulfillment of prophecy... for the better or worse!
- Prophetic fulfillments always come as surprises
- The remaining 11 disciples desert Yeshua
- Vss. 34 & 35 said they would disown Him!
- They lost faith, and faith is the requisite for salvation





- This was the Sanhedrin, led by Caiaphas High Priest
- The intent was to do wrong, finding a way to kill Christ
- Peter followed the posse to Caiaphas's house, and he hung out with the Temple guard
- Not a trial; a meeting of perpetrators plotting murder
- The offense had to be something against Jewish Law

# YESHUA PRESENTS THE FUTURE



- This could not have occurred on a Sabbath!
- “Are you the Messiah, the Son of God?”
- Ironically, Caiaphas had it right!
- Yeshua affirms it and says they will see the Son of Man at the right hand of (The) Power, and coming in the clouds
- The Son of man represented judgment



- “you will see” is panoramic, meaning “everyone” will see
- “from now on” firmly places this in the future
- Yeshua convicted on a charge of blasphemy
- They had to wait to talk to Pilate in the morning before Jesus could be executed

# PETER DISOWNS CHRIST

- Peter somewhat represents us all
- Important distinctions between Galilean and Judean Jews
- Peter is accused by a servant girl of knowing Yeshua, he denies it
- She accuses him again, he swears he doesn't know Jesus
- Bystanders accuse him, Peter places a curse on himself if he's lying... and says he doesn't know him



# THE BEGINNING OF REPENTANCE



- Saying something 3 times meant sincerity and eagerness (to do right, or wrong)
- The cock crowing reminded Peter of what Jesus said he'd do
- When we approach Christ, humble and broken, we realize how loving God is to us
- Beware!! We're always in danger of falling away
- James 5:19 – 20
- Hebrews 10:26 - 27