

## FROM THE BROOK TO BARABBAS

The brook of which we speak is the Brook Kidron or as spelled here in the New Testament “Cedron.” It is the same brook that David passed over while fleeing to preserve his life from the rebel criminal Absalom (II Samuel 15:23). One thousand years later the Son of David crosses the very same brook, not to save His life, but to lose His life (Luke 17:33; John 12:24). In the first crossing of Kidron’s Brook, David lives and the sinning one dies. In the second crossing, Jesus dies but the sinning one lives. In this comparison we see the fulfillment of what Jesus said in this amazing chapter of the Bible: “...To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world...” (John 18:37b).

### I. BOWING TO THE SOVEREIGN

John 18:1-6

#### A. The Brook Mentioned: John 18:1; Psalm 110:7

1. A Decision Place, “a garden” (verse 1)
2. A Prayer Place, “Jesus oftentimes resorted...with His disciples” (verse 2)
3. A Victory Place, “the brook in the way” (Psalm 110:7)

#### B. The Bogus Disciple: John 18:2, 3

1. Judas’ greedy heart (John 12:4-6)
2. Judas’ Escalation of Evil (John 6:70, John 13:27)
3. Judas’ Decision Foretold (Zechariah 11:12, 13; Matthew 27:3-10)
4. Judas’ Sad Commentary (Mark 14:21)

#### C. The Bold Announcement: John 18:4-6

1. The Question Asked- “Whom seek ye” (verse 4)
2. The Question Answered- “I AM He” (verse 5,6)
3. The Awesome Response- “they went backward and fell to the ground” (verse 6)

### II. PROTECTION OF THE SHEEP

John 18:7-11, 15-18, 25-27

#### A. Substitution Set Forth: John 18:8

1. The Lamb for the Sheep (John 1:29; Isaiah 53:6)
2. The Shepherd for the Flock (John 10:11)
3. The Righteous for the Unrighteous (Romans 5:7, 8)

4. The Cup of Wrath for The Cup of Salvation (John 18:11; Revelation 14:10, Psalm 116:13)

B. Preservation Assured: John 18:9

1. The Promise Given (John 6:39; John 17:12)
2. The Plan Designed (Ephesians 2:6, 7)
3. The Perpetual Covenant (John 10:27-29)

C. Difficulty with Sheep: John 18:10; 15-18, 25-27

1. Human Response- "Simon Peter...smote" (verse 10).
2. No Surprises with God (Mark 14:30)
3. The Message in the Fire (John 18:18; John 21:9)

### III. JESUS BEFORE THE JEWS

John 18:12-14, 19-24, 28

A. The Sacrifice Declared: John 18:14

B. The Sinless Savior: John 18:19-23

John 8:46: "Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?"

C. The Choice – Religion Over Relationship: John 18:28

### IV. JESUS BEFORE THE GENTILES

John 18:29-38

A. The Prophetic Death: John 18:31, 32

Matthew 20:17-9

John 12:32, 33; John 3:14

B. The King's Mission: John 18:33-37

C. The Incredible Exchange: John 18:38-40; John 18:38; John 19:4, 6

Conclusion:

Jesus of Nazareth / "Jesus bar Abbas"

