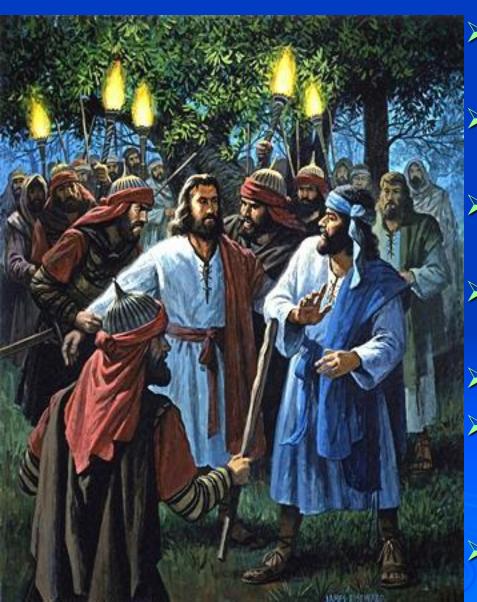
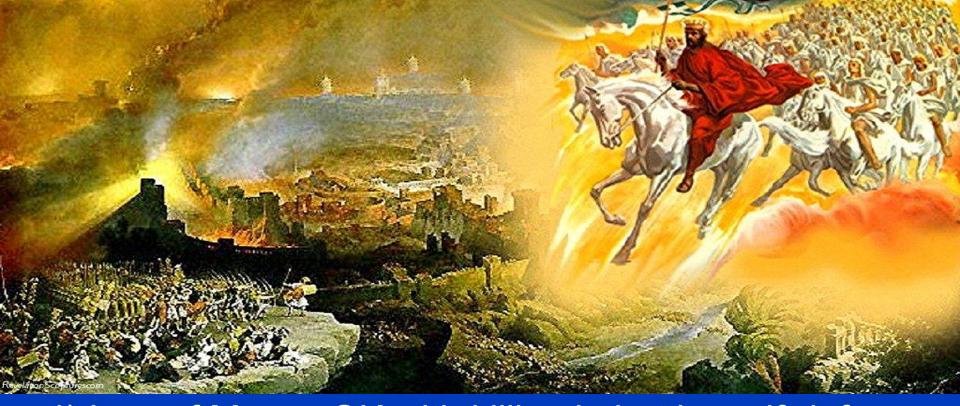


- The "crowd" was the Temple Guard (Levites)
- Senior priests (Temple) and Elders (Synagogue) were there for the arrest as part of the Sanhedrin
- John 18:10 identifies Peter as the one with the sword, and a servant of the High Priest named Melekh, whose ear was severed
- Peter thought they were all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

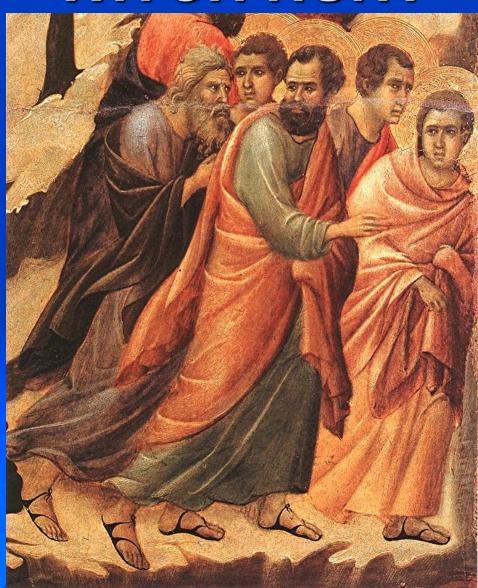
- Calling angels would subvert the purposes of His 1st coming
- This isn't Holy War, but it will be when He returns
- > #12 12 legions, 12 tribes
- Jesus will <u>allow</u> evil to overcome Him
- Yeshua is permitting Redemption History to take its course
- Isaiah 49:7, Zech.11:12, Zech. 13:7, Isaiah 53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



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

A POLITICAL WITCH HUNT





- 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 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

PETER DISOWNS CHRIST



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