

## **ARRESTED**

As preached on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

**Read:** John 18:1-27

1. In vv.1-12 we're told that Jesus was arrested. Does this happen the way you expected it to happen? Who is in charge, the detachment of soldiers and officials or Jesus? (explain)
2. Why do you think the soldiers and officials "drew back and fell to the ground" in v.6? Why does John make a point of mentioning this even though he doesn't explain it?
3. Peter responds violently. What does Jesus think of Peter's response? (see v.11) In what ways do we sometimes "over-respond" to those who threaten or challenge our faith?
4. Do you think this scene in vv.10-11 has any application to the way the Church responds to threats in the world today? Is violence ever justified? If so, in what circumstances?
5. Peter's denials play a large role in this week's text (v.17, v.25, v.27). Are they all the same or are there differences between the three? What do you think caused Peter to deny Jesus in this way even though Jesus explicitly warned him about it?
6. In what ways are we tempted to deny Jesus in our everyday lives? What can we do to guard against falling into the same trap Peter did?
7. What do you think Annas is attempting to do in vv.19-24? Why does Jesus respond as he does?
8. Take a few moments to compare and contrast the words and actions of Jesus and Peter in this week's text. What can we learn from this?