

Come and See: A Clash of Character
John 18:1-19:8

(The Character of Man at His Worst, the Character of God at His Best.)

The Insecurity That Fear Breeds - 1 Jo 4:18

- Fear makes us self-interested/preserving
- Examples:
 - ...Disciples: flee when things uncomfortable; disregard commitments - Mk 14:50
 - ...Peter: a zeal without knowledge; deny truth - Ro 10:2; Jo 18:10, 17, 27
 - ...Pilate: ridicule unknown; compromise with opponents - Jo 18:38; 19:5,16
 - ...Judas: misuse the holy; sell out for self-interest - Jo 18:2-3

The Insanity That Hatred Brings - Jo 19:11

- Hardened anger will make us hateful
- Example:
 - ..Annas, Caiaphas, Sanhedrin
 - ...seeks to inflict violence, pain upon adversaries - Jo 18:14,40; 19:6
 - ...warps/distorts human judgment - Jo 18:28; 19:15
 - ...unleashes hell on earth - Jo 8:44

The Intentionality That Love Births - Jo 3:16

- Love never fails - 1 Cor 13:4
- Example:
 - ...Jesus - voluntarily lays down/gives up - His life - Jo 10:18,19:30
 - ...Shows up in majesty/dignity - Jo 18:33-37
 - ...Shows up as courage/boldness - Jo 18:1,4,6
 - ...Shows up as truth/authenticity - Jo 18:20
 - ...Shows us with mercy/grace - Jo 18:1; 19:11; Ps 103:10
- The Cross: the premier demonstration of God's Life for others - Ro 5:8-10
- The Resurrection: the ultimate proof that love always wins!