

**Valley Bible Church  
Sermon Notes for March 2, 2008**

**The Arrest of Christ  
John 18:1-5  
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The Apostle John, in pointing out Christ's supremacy in his account of Christ's arrest, highlighted four different features of Christ's majesty (John 18:1-11).

Christ's courage was the first feature John highlighted (John 18:1-5).

After Jesus and His disciples left the upper room they made their way to a garden, but not just to any garden, but rather to a very special garden called Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36; Mark 14:32).

John 18:2 makes it very clear that Judas knew, based on past behavior, that Christ and His fellow disciples could be found in the garden of Gethsemane that night.

Christ orchestrated the pattern of going to the garden of Gethsemane each night with His disciples in order to provide Judas the opportunity to betray Him and Roman authorities the opportunity to arrest Him.

A Roman cohort consisted typically of 600 troops.

The officers that were sent from the chief priests and Pharisees would have been the temple police and could have easily numbered several hundred.

Jesus, knowing all things that were coming upon Him, chose not to avoid those who came to arrest Him but rather He chose to go out from the garden to meet them (John 18:4).

Grammatically in the Greek, the "He" is not present in John 18:5 and therefore what Jesus literally said in response to their question was "I am" which was a common designation for God.

May God give us the grace in the pursuit of obedience, like Christ, not to be fearful but courageous.