

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for March 16, 2008**

**The Arrest of Christ**  
**John 18:6-11**  
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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 His majesty (John 18:1-11).

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

Christ's power was the second feature John highlighted (John 18:6).

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.

The reason why those who came to arrest Christ in John 18:6 fell down was because Christ, as an expression of His power as the great "I am," wanted them to fall down.

Christ's love was the third feature that John chose to highlight (John 18:7-10).

Just because someone might have a personal encounter with the power of Christ does not mean that they will necessarily respond to the encounter in a positive way (John 18:7).

Jesus protected His disciples from arrest by making His captors repeat the instructions that they had been given by those in authority over them (John 18:8).

Jesus' thwarting of the possible arrest of His disciples outside the garden of Gethsemane was seen by the Apostle John as a fulfillment of Christ's words in John 17:12 that He had lost none (John 18:9).

Though Christ was willing to voluntarily submit Himself to His captors, His disciples, especially after Christ's demonstration of power, were not nearly so willing (Luke 22:49).

Just as quickly as Peter had removed the ear of the high priest's slave, Jesus replaced it (Luke 22:52).

Christ's obedience was the fourth feature that John chose to highlight (John 18:11).

Christ, in effect, told Peter, "This is what My Father has planned. Don't fight against it" (John 18:11).

The idea of the cup in the Old Testament is associated with judgment (Jeremiah 25:15).

When Jesus told Peter that He had to drink His Father's cup, He was saying He had to drink the cup of God's wrath against sin.

May we by the grace of God, in viewing the courage, power, love, and obedience of Christ, find ourselves being molded and shaped into His image.