

**JESUS ON TRIAL  
JOHN 18:1 - 19:16**

*Introduction - Is the policeman your friend?*

**I. THREE THREATENING SITUATIONS**

- A. Arrest by armed soldiers
- B. Questioning by High Priest
- C. Arraignment before Pilate

**II. TYPICAL RESPONSES TO ATTEMPTED INTIMIDATION**

- A. Fight
- B. Flight

**III. THE RESPONSE OF JESUS**

- A. His behavior
  - 1. No avoidance of confrontation
  - 2. No attack, physical or verbal
  - 3. Speaking the truth in love
- B. His perspective
  - 1. Confidence in who he was
  - 2. Concern for those he met

**IV. FOLLOWING IN THE STEPS OF JESUS**

- A. The inevitability of conflict
  - *I Peter 2:21; John 15:18,19; II Timothy 3:12; I Peter 4:12-14*
- B. Knowing our position
- C. The opportunity for constructive engagement

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS  
JUNE 23-30**

**Follow-throughs**

The letter of I Peter was written to Christians who were suffering unfairly from those who were misusing their authority— in the home, in the workplace, and in society and government. They were being unfairly slandered and excluded because of their commitment to follow Jesus.

What instructions does Peter give for living in this sort of environment? What encouragements does he provide?

Are there any difficult people that you are now dealing with? What perspective do these verses provide for you?

**Monday** **I Peter 1**

**Tuesday** **I Peter 2**

**Wednesday** **I Peter 3**

**Thursday** **I Peter 4**

**Friday** **I Peter 5**

**Warm-ups**

**Saturday** **John 19:16-30**

What forms of indignity and abuse did Jesus suffer on the cross? Meditate on Jesus' suffering for you, and the fact that it was his love that kept him there on the cross.

**Sunday** **John 19:31-42**

What risks might Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus have incurred because of their willingness to assist in Jesus' burial? Has identification with Jesus been costly for you in any way?