# Jn18 The Focused Jesus: Jesus’ ministry in the last week of His mortal life John 12:1-19:42

# Keep your eye on the ball 2. Dealing with your enemies

## John 18:12-14,19-24,28-40; 19:1-16

# John

## John is giving us evidence for what he believes about Jesus

### He tells us what he believes in 1:1-18

### Then he lays out his evidence

## John says ‘Jesus is God’

### This is part of the evidence he uses

# The situation

## The position of the chief priest was inherited by both ancestry and qualification

## The Sanhedrin, led by the chief priest, were the supreme court of Israel

## BUT they were under Roman occupation and rule

# The players

## In the Roman world

### Pilate (Governor of Judea)

### Herod Antipas (King of region)

### Caesar (Tiberius) (Emperor)

## In the Jewish system

### The deposed Annas

### Caiaphas

### The Sanhedrin

## A perfect storm arises into which Jesus comes where everyone is watching their backs because they want power

# God is in control!

## Throughout the ordeal Jesus reminds people that power and control are an illusion

### God is in ultimate control

#### Worth remembering in difficult times!

# God’s purposes are not thwarted

## There are 2 trials

#### A religious one and a secular one

### The Jews want to know about Jesus disciples and His teaching

#### Not because they are interested in God and the truth, but because they are looking at their own futures

# God is Sovereign!

## Enemies

### They’re not usually out to get you

### You are not a person, you are a challenge

### They will show their true colours

#### They had no heart for God

## Your Integrity may lead to your demise

### But the truth will set you free to enjoy God’s fellowship

### After death comes resurrection

# Homegroup/private study questions

# When do you apologise?

## When is an apology not an apology?

### Under what circumstances do you apologise even though you’ve done nothing wrong?

## Jesus before Annas (18:19-24)

### In this passage Jesus does not apologise to the high priest but in Acts 23 Paul does

#### Is Paul following Christ at this point?

##### What is the difference in the circumstances

##### What did Paul apologise for?

# The challenging Jesus

## How can we learn to evangelise from the interaction between Jesus and Pilate? (18:33-40)

### Is that your own question?

#### Why is this an important question?

### What claims does He make?

## What can we learn from the religious leaders’ reaction to Pilate’s conciliatory language of 19:1-16

# The sovereignty of God

## How does this understanding help us as we face ‘trials and temptations?

### Explain your answer