



## Sunday 17th August 2017

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Peter draws his sword and learns about peace

John 18:1-14

1. Peter appears to be impetuous in his actions. Do you agree? If so, why and can you give other examples of similar actions, even in your own life?
2. When you consider the group of people coming for Jesus included the Temple guards and Roman soldiers, all seemingly more experienced in combat than Peter, why do you think Peter felt he could “take them all on”?
3. What do you think of Jesus peaceful actions instead of any defensive or even an offensive approach?
4. Consider putting yourself in either Peter’s position or that of Jesus. What would you have done in either circumstance and why?
5. Now consider how you might act today if some people came to threaten you. Discuss your actions. Are they different?
6. Think of the current hot topic of the plebiscite. How do your comments, actions and opinions compare with Peter and Jesus?
7. Do you believe that question 6 above bears no relevance to the issues facing Peter and Jesus? Please discuss.
8. Think about Malchus. Was he confused by his personal miracle? Do you think the leading priests and soldiers took any notice of this? Please discuss.
9. Do you think it unusual that even though Judas led the priests and soldiers straight to Jesus, they did not recognise Him? Please discuss.
10. When Jesus asked the question “who are you looking for?” and was given the response “Jesus the Nazarene”, he then said “I AM he”. The priests and soldiers all drew back and fell to the ground. Does that give you any indication of who Jesus was and the power that is His? Again, please discuss.





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11. Given every peaceful action that Jesus had displayed in these verses, why do you think we find it sometimes hard to follow His example? The fact that we live this side of the cross and the Holy Spirit lives inside every believer, should that make a big difference? Shouldn't it? Perhaps you could discuss why it should or shouldn't?

As you finish, please thank the Holy Spirit for His help.