

Trials and Denials

John 18

I. The Arrest (vs. 1-11)

A. Kidron Valley

1. Story of David (2 Sam. 15)
2. Passover lambs

B. Gethsemane – located at the foot of Mt. Olives; Aramaic for “olive press”

Luke 21:37

C. Jesus’ Words (vs. 4-9)

“I am he”

2 Thessalonians 2:8

“let these men go”

John 17: 12

D. Peter’s Sword (vs. 10-11)

Doing God’s work in God’s way is crucial

II. Trials and Denials (vs. 12-27)

A. Trials (vs. 12-14; 19-24)

3 religious trials – before Annas, Caiaphas,
Sanhedrin

3 civic trials – before Pilate, before Herod Antipas,
Pilate again.

informal hearing

Illegal hearing

B. Denials (vs. 15-18; 25-27)

Denial #1 (vs. 15-18)

Denial #2 – same question as #1

Denial #3 – quite possibly a relative of Malchus

Ever felt like you have let the Lord down?

III. Jesus Before Pilate (vs. 28-40)

A. Pilate – ruled as the Roman Governor of Judea from 26
AD to 36 AD under Emperor Tiberius.

B. Issue of Kingship (vs. 33) – “Are you the king of the Jews?”

C. Jesus’ response (vs. 34-37)

D. Pilate’s proposal – handing over Barabbas