

## AT THE TRIAL AND CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

John 18:15-27; 19:25-27



When the soldiers took Jesus away from the quiet Garden of Gethsemane to the palace of the high priest, Peter and John followed them. What happened there seems like some dreadful dream, for the soldiers were very cruel to the gentle Lord Jesus. Peter had been very sure that nothing could make him untrue to Jesus, yet in that palace with the rough soldiers near,

he three times said that he did not know Jesus. Then Peter heard the crowing of a cock (because morning was coming) and he remembered that Jesus had said, "Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice." He went outside the palace and "wept bitterly," and from that minute Peter became one of the bravest, noblest friends of Jesus that ever lived.

At last Jesus was taken out and nailed to a tall, wooden cross to die. It was a sad, sad day for Peter and John and the other friends who sorrowfully followed and stood watching. Jesus' mother stood beside John, and when Jesus looked down from his cross and saw her there he asked John to be her son in his place, and from that time John loved her and cared for her as if she had been his own mother.