

Afraid

John 18:3-10

(The Reader and the Actor will not interact together; instead, they will be looking at the audience while speaking. Readers and Actors should speak loudly and slowly so everyone can hear every word. Readers—read dramatically.)

Reader: Aren't we all afraid of something? One of our biggest fears is dying. What happens to us? Wouldn't it be wonderful to know?

Disciple: (Enter from behind the divider wearing a sign around your neck that reads "Afraid." Take a step back, appearing afraid.)

Reader: It was evening, and Jesus was in an olive grove with his disciples. Roman soldiers and Temple guards approached Jesus and His disciples with blazing torches, lanterns, and weapons. Jesus's disciples were afraid.

Reader: "Jesus fully realized all that was going to happen to him, so he stepped forward to meet them (Step forward) 'Who are you looking for?' he asked. 'Jesus the Nazarene,' the Roman Soldiers replied. 'I AM he,' Jesus said. As Jesus said 'I AM he,' they drew back and fell to the ground!"

Disciple: (Gasp, shaking and step back further.)

Reader: "Once more Jesus asked the Roman Soldiers, 'Who are you looking for?' And again, they replied, 'Jesus the Nazarene.' (Step in front of the disciple) 'I told you that I

AM he, 'And since I am the one you want, let these others go.' (Pause)

He did this to fulfill his own statement: 'I did not lose a single one of those you have given me.'"

"Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

"Yes, by God's grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone. God, for whom and through whom everything was made, He chose to bring many children into glory." Heb 2:9b-10a