**On The Way to the Cross – [John 18:1 – 19:3]**

**The first account is the story of the arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane:**

[John 18: 1-11]

**John now summarizes the trials before the Jewish priests**.

[John 18: 12-18]

The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching.

(John 18:19-24)

(John 18:25-27)

**John now turns to the account of Jesus before Pilate**.

(John 18:28)

(John 18:29-32)

(John 18:33-35)

(John 18:36-37)

[John 18:38a)

(John 18:38b)

(John 18:39-40]

(John 19:1-3)

Pilate chose compromise and ended up a murderer of an innocent man. The crowd chose Barabbas and ended up crucifying the Son of God. Jesus chose the cross and ended up King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Thrust upon us in this account is the realization that there is no point in trying to outwit God. He will work out His own purposes, but we will have to bear the results of our own folly.

***Truth forever on the scaffold,***

***Wrong forever on the throne.***

***Yet that scaffold sways the future,***

***And behind the dim unknown***

***Standeth God among the shadows,***

***Keeping watch above His own.***