

MALCHUS

LEND ME YOUR EAR

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A surprising element in Christ's passion is that, like life, it blends the famous and the infamous, the heroic and the notorious, the well-known and the unknown. Perhaps no one who steps on the stage of history's greatest drama—the death and resurrection of Christ—is more unknown than Malchus. However, aside from Peter, arguably no one involved in these events would have had more vivid or personal memories than Malchus.



THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- When was the last time you were fully and completely surprised? Was it a good or bad surprise? What made it so surprising? Which is more surprising in John 18:1–12, that Peter attacked Malchus or that Jesus rescued him?
- It is interesting that only Luke mentions the fact that Jesus healed Malchus, and only John gives us the names of the attacker (Peter) and the attacked (Malchus). What reasons might have contributed to these two gospel writers telling the story in the way they did?
- Consider the confusion Malchus must have felt. The One he had come to arrest had come to his rescue. As servant of the high priest, Malchus would almost certainly have heard the debates about Jesus. How might this act of rescue by Jesus have affected Malchus's view of the Galilean rabbi?



CHALLENGE

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:43–44). And He lived that out by healing Malchus. To what "enemies" could you show the love of Christ today? This week?



COMMIT TO MEMORY

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8 NASB).



PRAYER

Merciful God, thank You for Your patience and Your forgiveness. Thank You that You never stop reaching out to us, desiring to draw us to Yourself. Forgive us when we drift from You, and teach us to walk in Your love and care. Amen.