

# John 18:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest**—John's ἀπέστειλεν δεδεμένον (apestileen dedemenon, 'sent having been bound') indicates Jesus remained bound throughout this preliminary hearing. The transition from Annas to Caiaphas (the official high priest, AD 18-36) moves from informal interrogation to formal Sanhedrin trial.

This verse's placement interrupts Peter's denial narrative (vv. 15-18, 25-27), creating dramatic irony: while Jesus stands firm before religious authorities, His lead disciple collapses before servants. The bound Messiah displays freedom while the free disciple becomes enslaved to fear.

## Historical Context

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Caiaphas was Annas's son-in-law and served during Jesus's entire ministry. His famous prophetic statement that 'one man should die for the people' (John 11:49-52) reveals political pragmatism masquerading as religious wisdom. The Sanhedrin met either in his palace's courtyard or the temple's Chamber of Hewn Stone.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. What does Jesus remaining bound throughout His trial teach about the nature of true spiritual freedom versus physical liberty?
2. How does John's narrative structure (interweaving Jesus's courage with Peter's cowardice) challenge you to examine your own faithfulness under pressure?
3. Why does worldly power always need to 'bind' truth—what does this reveal about the fragility of lies?

## Interlinear Text

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ἀπέστειλεν αὐτὸν ὁ Ἄννας δεδεμένον πρὸς Καϊάφαν  
had sent him G3588 Now Annas bound unto G4314 Caiaphas G2533

τὸν ἀρχιερέα  
G3588 the high priest  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**John 18:13** (Parallel theme): And led him away to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year.

**Matthew 26:57** (Parallel theme): And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.