

**JESUS IS THE ONE
WHO SUBMITS**

John 18:1-11

INTRODUCTION

- Jesus takes the disciples into the garden where He is ultimately arrested.
- He takes them to a familiar place, a place they have been before, knowing what events will take place.
- Notice this is also a place familiar to Judas.
- Jesus remains obedient to the Father's plan and offers Himself up to the soldiers.

**BETRAYAL
AND
ARREST**

JOHN 18:1-11

BETRAYED (1-3)

- These verses begin John's account of the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus.
- These are the closing scenes of His ministry, and John adds certain points not found in the other gospels.
- He brings them across the brook in the Kidron valley to an olive garden at the base of the Mount of Olives.
- Judas becomes the guide: he knew the place, because Jesus often met with his disciples there.

BETRAYED (1-3)

- Judas is leading a band of soldiers and officers, who come with torches and weapons.
- The gospels record that Judas “stood with them.”
- He had been a constant companion to Jesus. He heard the sermons that Jesus spoke. He had seen all of the miracles that Jesus did.
- Judas had the greatest privilege and gave it all up for 30 pieces of silver.

BETRAYED (1-3)

- This is a potential warning to Christians who have walked with Christ for decades.
- 1 Corinthians 10:12 - "Let him who thinks he stands, take heed lest he fall."
- A weak link in a chain, breaks the chain. A small hole in the roof, can ruin an attic and even a house.
- We should learn a vicarious lesson from Judas.

IN CONTROL (4-7)

- He confronts His accusers - Whom do you seek?
- As soon as He said “I am he” the soldiers draw back and fall to the ground.
- This is one more demonstration of the spiritual power of Jesus. These were hardening soldiers or temple guards who would never faint or drop back.
- John records this to remind us that Jesus was still in control - as He had been the entire Passover week.

IN CONTROL (4-7)

- As we approach the Easter week, we need to remind ourselves that Jesus was a willing sufferer.
- Although He had the power to resist, he willingly offered Himself as a sacrifice for our sins.
- The writer of Hebrews teaches that “the joy set before Him” allowed him to endure the cross and suffer shame, pain, and death on our behalf.

CONCERNED (8-9)

- Even in the midst of the confrontation and confusion, Jesus did not forget His disciples.
- He knows their fear, their weakness, and their confusion about what is happening and will happen.
- He provides a way of escape: “If you seek Me, let these men go.”
- The shepherd was taken while the sheep go free.

CONCERNED (8-9)

- Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 10 that God will not let us be tempted beyond what we can bear.
- Jesus controlled the weather. Winds and storms responded to His words - the disciples were safe, even when a storm threatened them in Galilee.
- He also promised that “They shall never perish, neither shall anyone pluck them out of His hand.” (John 10:28.)

SUBMIT - FATHER'S WILL

- Matthew 26:39 - And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."
- John 18:11 - "Shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"
- Matthew 26:52 - "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword."

QUESTIONS

- What happened to Malchus?
- Right ear cut off, then restored by Jesus. His name is recorded by John and that is why many believe he was prominent in the early church.
- Why did Peter have a sword?
- Luke 22:36 - Jesus instructed them: "Let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one."

APPLICATION:

**WHEN SHOULD
WE USE A SWORD?**

DUAL CITIZENSHIP

- Essentially, Christians have a dual citizenship:
- John 17:15-18 - we have been sent into the world, and thus have a citizenship here on earth.
- Philippians 3:20 - “our citizenship is in heaven.”
- We have a citizenship in both heaven and earth. We should not only focus on heavenly things, but also have a responsibility here on earth.

THE CHURCH

- The Universal Church = body of Christ
 - Matthew 5 - salt and light
 - 2 Corinthians 5 - ambassadors
- The Local Church = institution
 - Mark 12 - render unto Caesar
 - Civil versus ecclesiastical

GOVERNMENT

- “Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.”
- “Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.”

Romans 13:1,7

GOVERNMENT

- “Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.”

1 Peter 2:13-14

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- “First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.”

1 Timothy 2:1-2

KEY 16

- President
- Supreme Court (9)
- Senators (2), Representative
- Governor
- State Senator, State Representative

CIVIC DUTY

- Obey those in authority
- Pray for those in authority
- Vote for those in authority

AUTHORITY

	STATE	CHURCH	FAMILY
VERSES	ROMANS 13 1 TIM 2:1-2	1 CORINTHIANS 1 TIM 3:1-13	EPHESIANS 5-6
SYMBOL	SWORD	STAFF	ROD
FORCE	PHYSICAL	MORAL	INSTRUCTION

THE SWORD AND WAR

- Pacifism – Christians should never participate in war.
- Activism – Christians should always participate in war.
- Selectivism – Christians should participate in a “just war.”

PACIFIST ARGUMENTS

- Some quote the 8th commandment as “you shall not kill.” The verse actually says “you shall not murder.”
- Others quote the Sermon on the Mount: “if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also” (Matthew 5:39).
- Response: (1) a slap was an insult and not a threat of bodily harm, (2) this is a command directed to individuals and not to nations.

PACIFIST ARGUMENTS

- Jesus tells Peter to put away his sword (John 18:11).
- In another gospel (Matthew 26:52), Jesus warned that those who take up the sword will perish by the sword.
- Response: Jesus tells him to “put your sword into its sheath” (John 18:11) not to get rid of his sword. Earlier, Jesus instructed those disciples who did not have a sword to buy a sword (Luke 22:36).

JUST WAR THEORY

- 1. Just cause – all aggression is condemned, participation must be prompted by a just cause or defensive cause.
- 2. Just intention – war must be to secure a just peace, revenge or conquest is not legitimate.
- 3. Last resort – war must be the last resort after diplomacy and economic pressure have been exhausted.

JUST WAR THEORY

- 4. Formal declaration – war must be initiated with a formal declaration by proper authorities.
- 5. Limited objectives – complete destruction is an improper objective.
- 6. Proportionate means – combatants may not be subjected to greater harm than is necessary.
- 7. Noncombatant immunity – only governmental forces or agents are legitimate targets.

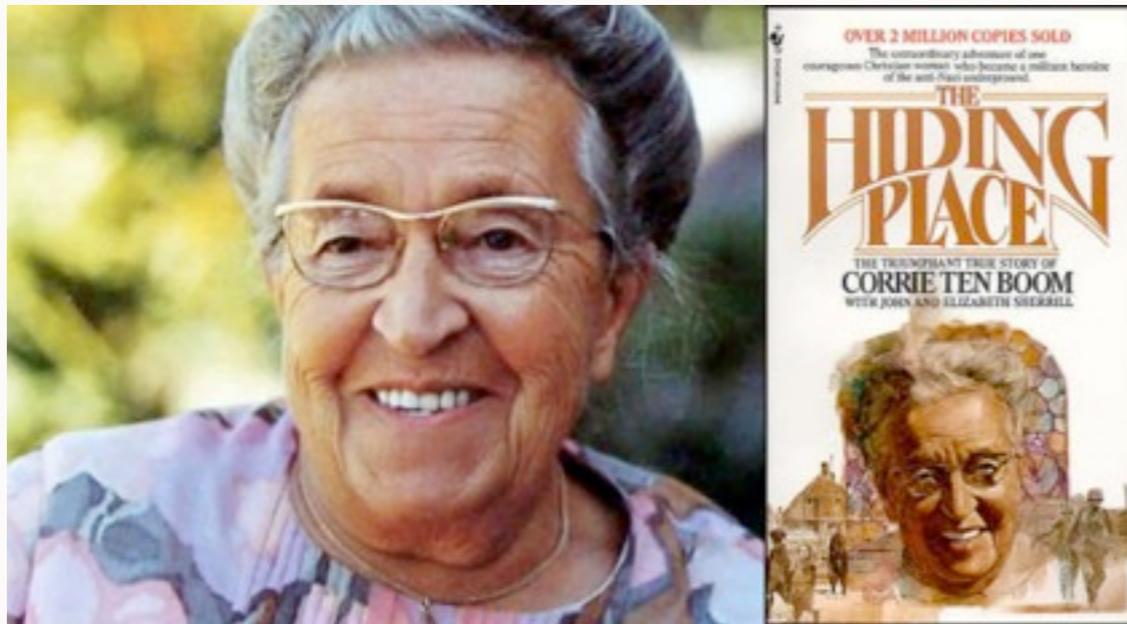
SELF DEFENSE

- The Bible provides for individuals to defend themselves:
- Exodus 22: “If a thief is found breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there shall be no bloodguilt for him, but if the sun has risen on him, there shall be bloodguilt for him.”
- Proverbs 25:26 - a righteous man should not give into (surrender to) a wicked man.

SELF DEFENSE

- Nehemiah (4:17) instructed those building the wall to also have a sword strapped to their side.
- Jesus even used examples of people defending themselves (Luke 11:21) “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe.”
- Paul (1 Timothy 5:8) says “if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE



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- Exodus 1-2 - Hebrew midwives instructed to kill all male Hebrew babies.
- Daniel 3 - Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow down to Nebuchadnezzar's golden image.
- Daniel 6 - Daniel continued to pray even during the decree by King Darius.
- Acts 5:29 - "We must obey God rather than men."

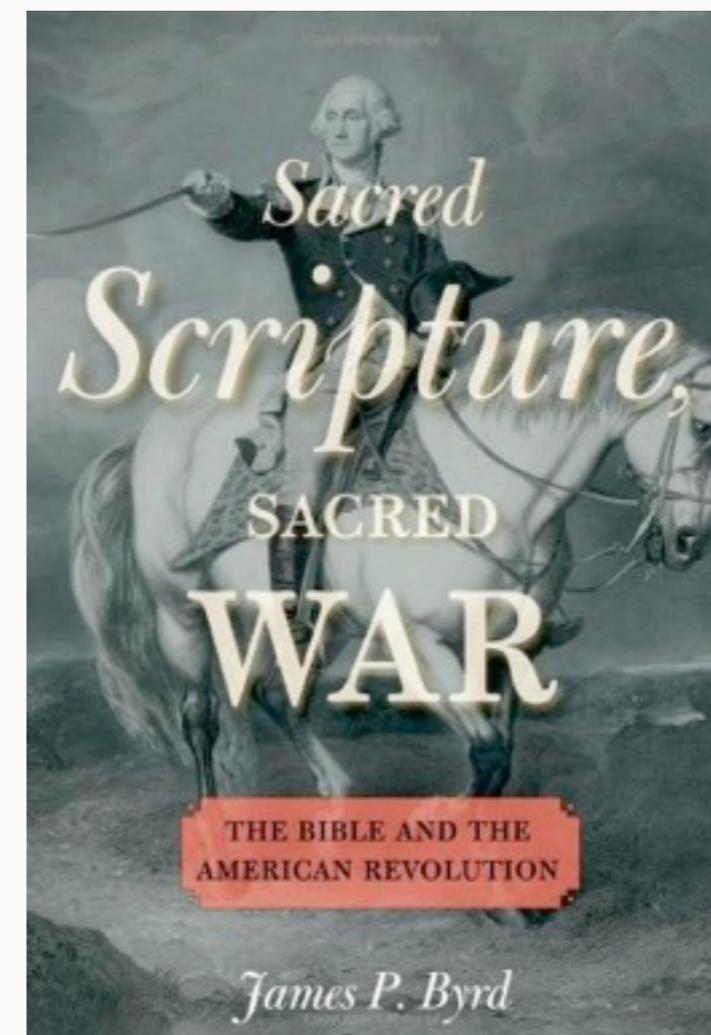
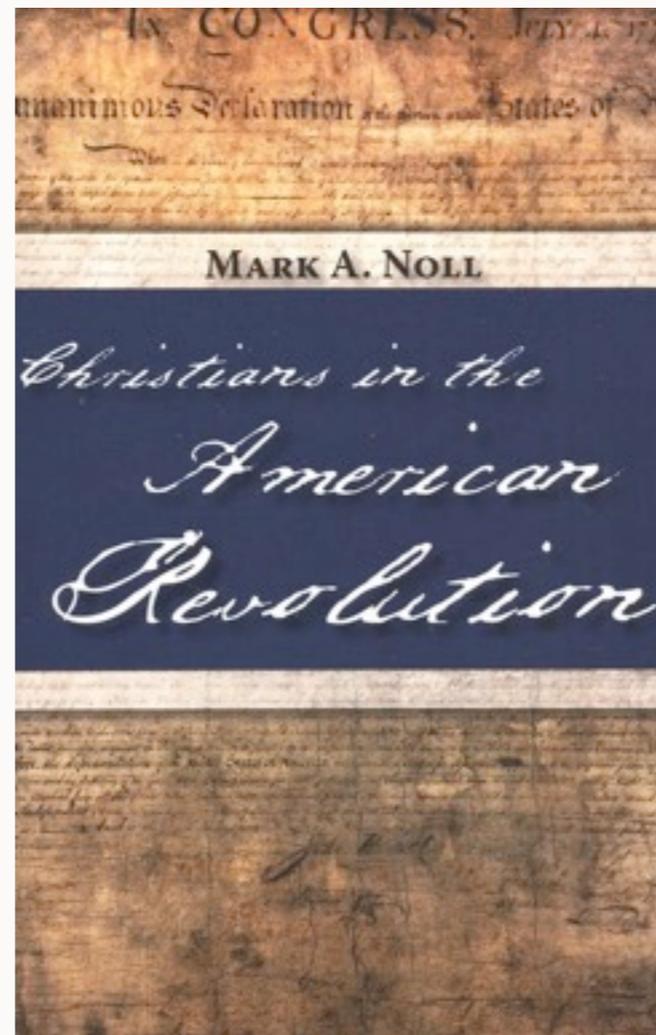
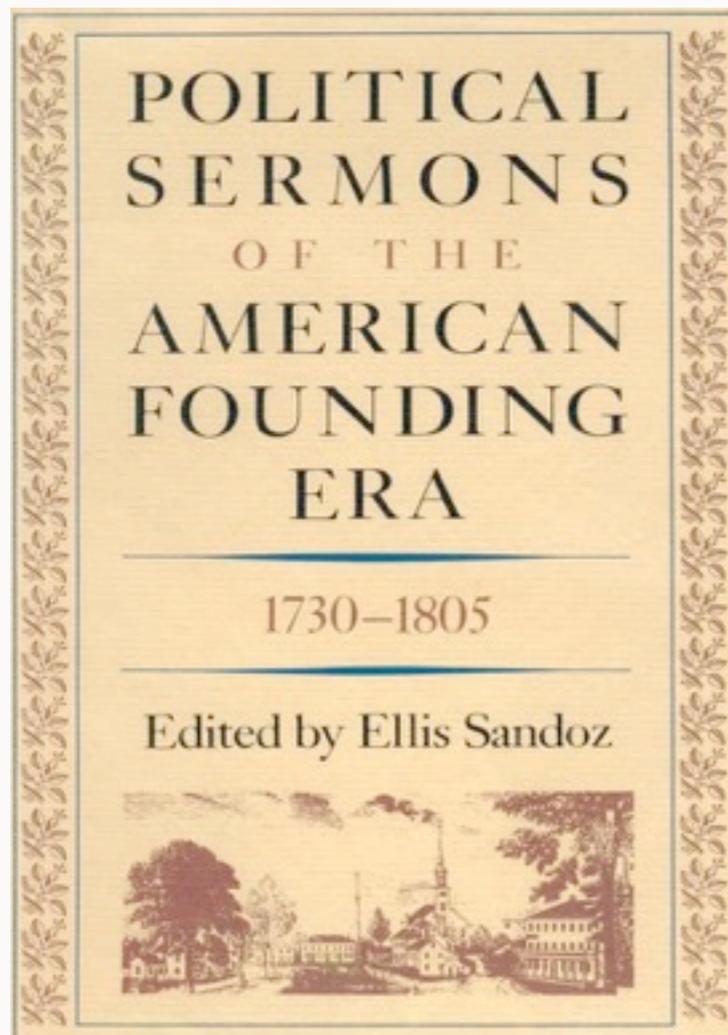
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- First, there was a direct and specific conflict between God's law and man's law.
- Second, in choosing to obey God's higher law, believers paid the normal consequence for disobedience.
- Romans 13:1 - instructs us to be in subjection to the government, not to obey every command of the government.

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

- Given our sin nature and natural tendency toward anarchy, it seems appropriate for Christians to make a strong case for civil disobedience.
- The burden of proof should be on the person advocating civil disobedience. If the case is not compelling, then obedience is required.
- It should only be advocated when the means of redress have been exhausted.

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