

## PETER CUT OFF HIS RIGHT EAR (also Matt. 26:51 & Mark 14:47)

John 18:10 *“Simon Peter then, having a sword, drew it and **struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave’s name was Malchus.**”*

Peter didn’t strike the ear of just anyone that day in the garden. He was careful to cut off the ear of the



High Priest’s servant (known as the segan hacohaneem). It’s obvious that Peter was not trying to kill the man because they were only a few feet apart. Peter did exactly what he intended to do. According to torah it would have shamed and disqualified the servant for service in the Temple, he was blemished (Lev. 21:16-23). Peter was insulted that this man was going along with the High Priest and the others in regards to the serious charges being brought against Yeshua. The historian Josephus of the Second Temple period records several of such like disqualifications.

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