

Betrayal, Arrest, Denial, and Jewish Trials

Luke 22:47-71

FAITH BUILDERS











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Matthew 26:48–49 ⁴⁸Now he who was betraying Him gave them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him.” ⁴⁹Immediately Judas went to Jesus and said, “Hail, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.

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Question: *Is there a Judas among us today?*

One who:

- Demonstrates interest in spiritual things
- Enjoys the benefits of fellowship and ministries of the church
- Claims affection for Christ
- Inwardly doubts and rejects the claims and lordship of Christ

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Question: Are you guilty of ever asking the Lord a question but not really being interested in getting His response before you act?

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Luke 6 ²⁷“But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you...³¹Treat others the same way you want them to treat you...³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is *that* to you? For even sinners do the same...³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil *men*. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

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Matthew 26:56 ⁵⁶“But all this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures of the prophets.” Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

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- They arrest Jesus and take Him to the house of the high priest (v54)

The Trials Against Jesus

Religious (Jewish) Trials

At night

John

1st Phase – Preliminary hearing before Annas

John 18:12–13 ¹²So the *Roman* cohort and the commander and the officers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him, ¹³and **led Him to Annas first**; for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.

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John

1st Phase – Preliminary hearing before Annas

- Annas was former high priest (AD 6-15) with powerful influence
- Not an impartial hearing – no witnesses, no evidence
- Peter denied being a disciple of Jesus
- Annas questions Jesus
- Jesus answers, saying He spoke openly, and asks why He is being questioned rather than those who heard Him
- One of the officers strikes Jesus
- Jesus said, “If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness of the wrong; but if rightly, why do you strike Me?”

John 18:24 ²⁴So Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

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At night

John

1st Phase – Preliminary hearing before Annas

2nd Phase – Conviction before Caiaphas and Sanhedrin

- Caiaphas was the long-standing current high priest (AD 18-36)
- Included a quorum of the Sanhedrin
- They sought testimony to justify death, but the testimonies were inconsistent
- Some misspoke of Jesus talking about rebuilding the temple, referring to Himself
- Jesus kept silent when questioned by Caiaphas

Matt

Mark

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Luke

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2nd Phase – Conviction before Caiaphas and Sanhedrin (cont'd)

- Caiaphas finally asked Jesus under solemn oath if He were the Christ, the Son of God
- Jesus said, “I am; and you shall see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.”
- They accused Him of blasphemy, condemned Him to death, then mocked and beat Him
- While all this was going on, Peter denied the Lord 3 times in the courtyard

The Denials of Peter in Courtyard of Caiaphas (vv55-60)

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Luke 22:33 ³³”But he said to Him, “Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!”

Mark 14:31 ³¹But *Peter* kept saying insistently, “*Even* if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!” And they all were saying the same thing also.

Luke 21:33 ³³“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.”

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- Jesus turns and looks at Peter (v61a)
- Peter recalls what Jesus had said, and he then weeps bitterly over his failure (vv61b-62)

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Question: *Do you deny the Lord?*

Ways We Can Deny the Lord

- By remaining silent when God or His truth is being attacked
- By living in a way that denies our profession
- By hiding the fact that we are Christians from the people around us
- By being unwilling to speak for Christ and the gospel out of fear of what others will think of us

Source: Tom Pennington

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At night

John

1st Phase – Preliminary hearing before Annas

Matt

Mark

Luke

John

2nd Phase – Conviction before Caiaphas and Sanhedrin

After daybreak

Matt

Mark

Luke

3rd Phase – Formal verdict after daybreak by Sanhedrin

The Trial and Verdict of the Sanhedrin (vv66-71)

- After daybreak, Jesus is brought before the entire Sanhedrin (v66)
- They ask Him if He is the Messiah (v67a)
- Jesus responds that they will not believe Him if He answers (vv67b-68)
- Nevertheless, Jesus identifies Himself as the divine Messiah (vv69-70)
- They charge Him with blasphemy and condemn Him to death (v71)

Matthew 26:65–66 ⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy; ⁶⁶what do you think?” They answered, “He deserves death!”

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Question: *Who will really be judged by whom?*

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Religious (Jewish) Trials

At night

John

1st Phase – Preliminary hearing before Annas

Matt

Mark

Luke

John

2nd Phase – Conviction before Caiaphas and Sanhedrin

After daybreak

Matt

Mark

Luke

3rd Phase – Formal verdict after daybreak by Sanhedrin

Civil (Roman) Trials

Morning

Matt

Mark

Luke

John

1st Phase – Before Pilate

Luke

2nd Phase – Before Herod

Matt

Mark

Luke

John

3rd Phase – Before Pilate