

Jesus' Betrayal and Trial

Lesson aim: To consider the perversion of justice in Jesus' trials and the motivations behind it.

Jesus betrayed, arrested, and forsaken--Mt. 26:47-56; (Mk. 14:43-52; Lk. 22:47-53; Jn. 18:2-12)

1. *What in this text makes it clear that Jesus was not taken against His will?*
2. *How did Jesus appeal to the consciences of those involved in His capture? What did their actions reveal about them?*

First Jewish phase, before Annas--Jn. 18:13-24

1. *What principle of judgment was violated in this phase of Jesus' trial? How did Jesus respond to the abuse He received?*

Second Jewish phase, before Caiaphas and the Sandhedrin--Mt. 26:57-68; (Mk. 14:53-65; Lk. 22:54)

1. *What further perversions of justice do we see in this phase of Jesus' trial?*
2. *Did Jesus really claim to be the Christ, the Son of God?*

Peter's denials--Mt. 26:69-75; (Mk. 14:66-72; Lk. 22:55-65; Jn. 18:25-27)

1. *Describe Peter's three denials of Jesus. What factors do you think caused Him to do this? How did Peter feel after His denials?*

Third Jewish phrase, before the Sanhedrin--Mt. 27:1; (Mk. 15:1; Lk. 22:66-71)

1. *What claim did Jesus make about Himself as He answered the appeal of the Sanhedrin? What was their verdict?*

Remorse and suicide of Judas Iscariot--Mt. 27:3-10 (Ac. 1:18-19)

1. *Did Judas handle his regret in a godly way? What OT prophets had anticipated the events surrounding his death?*

First Roman Phase, before Pilate--Mt. 27:2, 11-14; (Mk. 15:1-5; Lk. 23:1-5; Jn. 18:28-38)

1. *With what formal charges was Jesus presented to Pilate for judgment? How did Jesus answer Pilate's examination?*
2. *Could Pilate verify any threat to Rome in Jesus' claims and actions?*

Second Roman phase, before Herod Antipas--Lk. 23:6-12

1. *What noteworthy events occurred during this phase of Jesus' trial?*

Third Roman phase, before Pilate--Mt. 27:15-26; (Mk. 15:6-15; Lk. 23:13-25; Jn. 18:39-19:16)

1. *Was Pilate able to discern Jesus' true character through his examinations of Him?*
2. *How did Pilate demonstrate cowardice in his judgment of Jesus? Could washing hands remove the guilt of his cowardice?*