

The Drama of Redemption

Jesus On Trial

(Act 1, Scene 1)

Matthew 26:47-56; John 18:1-11

Although it is often overlooked, the Bible tells us that prior to His death Jesus endured two different trials: **1)** He endured a religious _____ trial, and **2)** He endured a secular _____ trial.

The over-all context for this study:

From *man's standpoint*, the goal was to _____ Jesus. From *God's standpoint*, the goal was to _____ Jesus. And in God's sovereign plan, both of those goals were fulfilled at _____ the same time. (*John 3:16; Acts 2:23; Mark 14:21*)

A Roman '*cohort*' consisted of between _____ and _____ soldiers.

I. The _____ Trial Of Jesus

A. Phase 1 - Jesus On Trial Before _____ (*Matthew 26:57; John 18:12-14*)

The reason why Jesus was taken to Annas first, was because he was likely the _____ behind the diabolical plot to kill Jesus.

On the surface his questions appeared harmless enough. However, in asking them, Annas was actually _____ Jewish justice.

Annas asked questions of Jesus in an attempt to _____ a crime.

This was nothing less than an _____ and unjust hearing right from the start, and Jesus' answer affirmed that fact. (*John 18:20-23*)

Keep in mind that this was just the beginning of _____ hours of the most excruciating physical, emotional, and mental abuse imaginable!

B. Phase 2 - Jesus On Trial Before _____ (*Matthew 26:57*)

The Sanhedrin didn't want to find out the _____ about Jesus, they just wanted to put Him to _____.

Matthew 26:59-60a

The reason why no one could bring a valid accusation against Jesus was because He never did anything wrong. He was _____ in every way! (*Hebrews 7:26*)

Jesus didn't say a word, He just stood there in _____. Even after two witnesses presented their twisted testimony, Jesus still said nothing. (*Isaiah 53:7*)

Leviticus 24:16

Jesus affirmed that He was the anointed Messiah, the Son of God - but that wasn't blasphemy, that was the _____.

C. Phase 3 - Jesus On Trial Before The _____ (*Matthew 27:1*)

It is believed that the 3rd phase of the Jewish trial took place early Friday morning, somewhere around _____.

The purpose at this point was simply to make _____ the illegal decision that they had come to during the night.

Keep in mind that it had been at least _____ since Jesus was arrested, and yet His ordeal was nowhere near over, for the worst was yet to come!

Then they led Him away to Pontius Pilate to begin the painful and agonizing process of the _____ Trial. (*Matthew 27:2*)

Conclusion:

Romans 5:6-9

“For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die - ***but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.***”