

Jesus Speaks at His Trials

PRELUDE TO THE TRIALS – JESUS ARRESTED

- **God’s Plan** – *“Put your sword in its place...”* (Matt. 26:52-54)
He makes it clear to His disciples that being _____ is part of His plan.
- **Jesus’ Innocence** – *“Have you come out, as against a robber?”* (Matt. 26:55-56)
He challenges those who came to arrest Him to _____ the show of force and secrecy.

THREE JEWISH TRIALS

1) House of Annas

- **Jesus’ Innocence** – *“If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?”* (John 18:19-24)
He is interrogated and mocked, then challenges an officer of the high priest to point out his faults. _____ crimes were charged to Jesus before He was sent to Caiaphas.

2) House of Caiaphas

- **Jesus’ Innocence** – *...sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death... found none... But Jesus kept silent.* (Matt. 26:57-63a)
He is _____ of many things, but no charges stick.

Isaiah 53:7 – “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.”

- **God’s Plan** – *“It is as you said... hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of Heaven.”* (Matt. 26:63b-68)
He affirms His identity as the Messiah, making reference to Messianic prophecy.
So, he is charged with _____.

Daniel 7:13-14 – “I was watching in the night visions, and behold, *One* like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom *the one* which shall not be destroyed.”

3) Jewish Council

- **God's Plan** – *"If I tell you, you will by no means believe."* (Luke 22:66-71)
He is formally convicted of blasphemy for claiming to be the Messiah. This event is where the Jewish leaders officially _____ their Messiah.

Psalm 118:22 – "The stone *which* the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone."

(As quoted in Matt. 21:42, Mark 12:10-11, Luke 20:17, Acts 4:11, 1 Peter 2:4-7)

THREE ROMAN TRIALS

4) Before Pilate

- **Jesus' Innocence** – *Pilate said... "I find no fault in this Man."* (Luke 23:1-4)
He admits He is a king, but not a direct threat to _____ like the Jews tried to frame Him.
- **God's Plan** – *"For this cause... to bear witness of the truth"* (John 18:37)
He is on mission, seeking to save those who believe the _____ of who He is.

5) Before Herod

- **God's Plan** – *...but He answered him nothing.* (Luke 23:5-9)
- **Jesus' Innocence** – *"I found no fault... neither did Herod..."* (Luke 23:10-15)

6) Before Pilate (again)

- **God's Plan** – *"You could have no power against me at all unless..."* (John 19:10-11)
He makes it clear to Pilate that God was in _____ of everything.
- **Jesus' Innocence** – *Pilate- "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person"* (Matt. 27:15-26)
Barabbas is found guilty and deserving of death, but he is released.
He is tried and found _____ yet still condemned to die.

*Why was it God's plan to allow an innocent Jesus to die?