

Isaiah 53:7 (ESV) He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

1. The Trial before Annas!

John 18:12-13 (ESV) ¹² So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³ First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.

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John 18:19-20 (ESV) ¹⁹ The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. ²⁰ Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret.

John 18:22 (ESV) When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?"

John 18:23 (ESV) Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?"

2. The Trial before Caiaphas!

John 18:24 (ESV) Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Mark 10:32-34 (ESV) ³² And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³ saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴ And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

6 Hebrew laws not followed with the trials of Jesus Christ:

- **Law #1 – Trials were not to be held secretly at night, but publicly during the day.**

Matthew 26:57 (ESV) Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered.

- **Law #2 – The accused was not required to speak.**

Matthew 26:62-63 (ESV) ⁶² And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."

- **Law #3 – Two witnesses must come forward and agree exactly on the charges.**

Matthew 26:59 (ESV) Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death,

Matthew 26:60-61 (ESV) ⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹ and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’”

Mark 14:58-59 (ESV) ⁵⁸ “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” ⁵⁹ Yet even about this their testimony did not agree.

- **Law #4 – The Sanhedrin was never allowed to initiate charges nor require the accused to testify against himself.**

Matthew 26:63 (ESV) But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.”

Matthew 26:64 (ESV) Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Isaiah 52:8 (ESV) The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

Psalms 110:1 (ESV) ¹ The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.”

Daniel 7:13 (ESV) “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

- **Law #5 – A verdict was passed only after a day of fasting.**

Matthew 26:65-66 (ESV) ⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.”

- **Law #6 – A unanimous vote by the court allowed the accused to go free.**

Matthew 26:67-68 (ESV) ⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, ⁶⁸ saying, “Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”

Mark 14:65 (ESV) And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” And the guards received him with blows.