

I. Introduction: The Gospels present Jesus as the sinless lamb of God, who was convicted of a crime He did not commit, and He was condemned to die a death He didn't deserve to die.

II. Jesus on Trial (John 18:28).

1. Before the High Priest (**Matt 26:57-68; Luke 22:63-65; Mark 14:53-65**).

1. After Annas was unable to convict Jesus of any crimes, he sent Jesus bound to the official High Priest Caiaphas, who attempted to charge Him with sedition.

B. Before the Sanhedrin (**Luke 22:66-71**).

1. When morning came, they called together the Sanhedrin to arraign Jesus on formal charges, because they had illegally tried Him in the middle of the night.

III. Conclusion: Jesus' enemies put Him on trial, but they could not convict Him of any crimes, proving that He is the sinless lamb of God who died for helpless sinners.

Questions About: Jesus On Trial

1. Why was the trial of Jesus such a miscarriage of justice? What did they charge Him with and why? Why were they unable to convict Jesus of any crimes? What does this prove?
2. Who was the first person Jesus was brought to after His arrest? (**John 18:12-14, 19-24**) Why did they bring Him to Annas? Why was Annas unable to convict Jesus? (**John 18:19-24**)
3. Who did they take Jesus to next? (**Matt 26:57-68; Mark 14:53-65; John 18:24**) What crime did Caiaphas try to convict Jesus of committing? (**Matt 26:59-61**) Why didn't it work? (**Mark 14:56**)
4. Why did Caiaphas ask Jesus if He was "the Christ"? (**Matt 26:63**) How did they abuse Jesus after He confessed that He was the Messiah? (**Luke 22:63-65**) Why did they do this?
5. What does it mean that Jesus claimed to be the "Son of Man"? (**Dan 7:13-14**) Why did this infuriate them? How did Jesus' confession prove that He claimed to be God?
6. Why did they have a third trial at dawn? (**Luke 22:66-71**) Why did they ask Jesus again if He was the Christ? (v. **67**) How did He answer their question? (vv. **67-68**) Why did He say this?
7. How did Jesus cleverly get them to say He was God? (**Luke 22:70**) What was the charge that the Sanhedrin brought against Him? (v. **71; Matt 26:65-66; Mark 14:64**)
8. What does it mean to you that Jesus claimed to be God? Do you believe Jesus? Are you smarter than Jesus? Better than Jesus? More selfless? More loving? More truthful? Will you trust in Him?

Prayer

1. Pray for an unsaved person you know to understand that Jesus is God and to believe in Him.
2. Ask Jesus to help you understand in a more profound way what it means that He is God.