



“The Three Trials of Jesus”
Small Group Questions
Week of January 5, 2020

Icebreaker:

How was your Christmas and New Year’s celebrations?

Discussion Questions:

1. Review the first two trials.

How was Jesus “guilty” but *not*?

2. Review the 3rd trial.

How was Jesus made guilty?

Does “Christ died *for* me” sound different than “Christ died *because* of me”?

If yes, how so?

3. Review the response Jesus seeks from us.

How do these overcome our feelings of guilt and shame?

4. (*In these next questions you will want to define some terms: atonement, propitiation, unlimited atonement, and limited atonement.*) There is some controversy about the extent of the sins Jesus died for:

A. All the sins of everyone?*

B. All the sins of some?***

What are some theological issues (including the “great judgment”) with A?

What are some theological issues with B?

Check out Hebrews 2:9, 9:12-14, 28; Titus 2:14; John 10:14-15; 1 John 2:2.

How do these speak to either A or B?

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