

# THE TRIAL OF CHRIST

**JOHN 18:12–23**

# I. ANNAS- THE APATHETIC



**12 THEN THE DETACHMENT OF TROOPS  
AND THE CAPTAIN AND THE OFFICERS  
OF THE JEWS ARRESTED JESUS AND  
BOUND HIM.**

**JOHN 18:12-14**

**NKJV**

**13 AND THEY LED HIM AWAY TO ANNAS  
FIRST, FOR HE WAS THE FATHER-IN-LAW  
OF CAIAPHAS WHO WAS HIGH PRIEST  
THAT YEAR.**



**14 NOW IT WAS CAIAPHAS WHO  
ADVISED THE JEWS THAT IT WAS  
EXPEDIENT THAT ONE MAN SHOULD DIE  
FOR THE PEOPLE.**

**19 THE HIGH PRIEST THEN  
ASKED JESUS ABOUT HIS  
DISCIPLES AND HIS DOCTRINE.**

**JOHN 18:19–24**

**NKJV**



**20 JESUS ANSWERED HIM, "I SPOKE OPENLY TO  
THE WORLD. I ALWAYS TAUGHT IN SYNAGOGUES  
AND IN THE TEMPLE, WHERE THE JEWS ALWAYS  
MEET, AND IN SECRET I HAVE SAID NOTHING.**

**21 WHY DO YOU ASK ME? ASK THOSE  
WHO HAVE HEARD ME WHAT I SAID TO  
THEM. INDEED THEY KNOW WHAT I  
SAID.”**



**22 AND WHEN HE HAD SAID THESE THINGS, ONE OF THE OFFICERS WHO STOOD BY STRUCK JESUS WITH THE PALM OF HIS HAND, SAYING, "DO YOU ANSWER THE HIGH PRIEST LIKE THAT?"**

**23 JESUS ANSWERED HIM, "IF I HAVE SPOKEN  
EVIL, BEAR WITNESS OF THE EVIL; BUT IF WELL,  
WHY DO YOU STRIKE ME?"**



**24 THEN ANNAS SENT HIM BOUND TO CAIAPHAS  
THE HIGH PRIEST.**

**JESUS RESPONSE-TRANSPARENCY.**



## **II. CAIAPHAS- THE CONDEMNER**

**49 AND ONE OF THEM, CAIAPHAS, BEING  
HIGH PRIEST THAT YEAR, SAID TO THEM,  
“YOU KNOW NOTHING AT ALL,**

**JOHN 11:49–50**

**NKJV**



**50 NOR DO YOU CONSIDER THAT IT IS  
EXPEDIENT FOR US THAT ONE MAN SHOULD  
DIE FOR THE PEOPLE, AND NOT THAT THE  
WHOLE NATION SHOULD PERISH.”**



**57 AND THOSE WHO HAD LAID HOLD OF JESUS  
LED HIM AWAY TO CAIAPHAS THE HIGH PRIEST,  
WHERE THE SCRIBES AND THE ELDERS WERE  
ASSEMBLED.**

**MATTHEW 26:57–68**

**NKJV**



**58 BUT PETER FOLLOWED HIM AT A DISTANCE TO  
THE HIGH PRIEST'S COURTYARD. AND HE WENT  
IN AND SAT WITH THE SERVANTS TO SEE THE END.**

**59 NOW THE CHIEF PRIESTS, THE ELDERS, AND  
ALL THE COUNCIL SOUGHT FALSE TESTIMONY  
AGAINST JESUS TO PUT HIM TO DEATH,**



**60 BUT FOUND NONE. EVEN THOUGH MANY  
FALSE WITNESSES CAME FORWARD, THEY FOUND  
NONE. BUT AT LAST TWO FALSE WITNESSES CAME  
FORWARD**

**61 AND SAID, "THIS FELLOW SAID, 'I AM ABLE TO  
DESTROY THE TEMPLE OF GOD AND TO BUILD IT  
IN THREE DAYS.'"**



**62 AND THE HIGH PRIEST AROSE AND SAID TO HIM, "DO YOU ANSWER NOTHING? WHAT IS IT THESE MEN TESTIFY AGAINST YOU?"**

**63 BUT JESUS KEPT SILENT. AND THE HIGH  
PRIEST ANSWERED AND SAID TO HIM, "I PUT YOU  
UNDER OATH BY THE LIVING GOD: TELL US IF YOU  
ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD!"**



**64 JESUS SAID TO HIM, "IT IS AS YOU SAID.  
NEVERTHELESS, I SAY TO YOU, HEREAFTER YOU  
WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT  
HAND OF THE POWER, AND COMING ON THE  
CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."**



**65 THEN THE HIGH PRIEST TORE HIS CLOTHES,  
SAYING, "HE HAS SPOKEN BLASPHEMY! WHAT  
FURTHER NEED DO WE HAVE OF WITNESSES?  
LOOK, NOW YOU HAVE HEARD HIS BLASPHEMY!**



**66 WHAT DO YOU THINK?" THEY ANSWERED AND  
SAID, "HE IS DESERVING OF DEATH."**

**67 THEN THEY SPAT IN HIS FACE AND BEAT HIM;  
AND OTHERS STRUCK HIM WITH THE PALMS OF  
THEIR HANDS,**



**68 SAYING, "PROPHECY TO US, CHRIST! WHO IS  
THE ONE WHO STRUCK YOU?"**

**JESUS RESPONSE- TRUTH**



# **III. PILATE-THE SPINELESS**

**29 PILATE THEN WENT OUT TO THEM AND SAID, “WHAT  
ACCUSATION DO YOU BRING AGAINST THIS MAN?”**

**JOHN 18:29–38**

**NKJV**



**30 THEY ANSWERED AND SAID TO HIM, "IF HE WERE NOT AN EVILDOER, WE WOULD NOT HAVE DELIVERED HIM UP TO YOU."**

**31 THEN PILATE SAID TO THEM, "YOU TAKE HIM AND JUDGE HIM ACCORDING TO YOUR LAW." THEREFORE THE JEWS SAID TO HIM, "IT IS NOT LAWFUL FOR US TO PUT ANYONE TO DEATH,"**



**32 THAT THE SAYING OF JESUS MIGHT BE FULFILLED  
WHICH HE SPOKE, SIGNIFYING BY WHAT DEATH HE WOULD  
DIE.**

**33 THEN PILATE ENTERED THE PRAETORIUM AGAIN,  
CALLED JESUS, AND SAID TO HIM, "ARE YOU THE KING OF  
THE JEWS?"**



**34 JESUS ANSWERED HIM, "ARE YOU SPEAKING FOR  
YOURSELF ABOUT THIS, OR DID OTHERS TELL YOU THIS  
CONCERNING ME?"**

**35 PILATE ANSWERED, "AM I A JEW? YOUR OWN NATION  
AND THE CHIEF PRIESTS HAVE DELIVERED YOU TO ME.  
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?"**



**36 JESUS ANSWERED, "MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS  
WORLD. IF MY KINGDOM WERE OF THIS WORLD, MY  
SERVANTS WOULD FIGHT, SO THAT I SHOULD NOT BE  
DELIVERED TO THE JEWS; BUT NOW MY KINGDOM IS NOT  
FROM HERE."**



**37 PILATE THEREFORE SAID TO HIM, "ARE YOU A KING THEN?" JESUS ANSWERED, "YOU SAY RIGHTLY THAT I AM A KING. FOR THIS CAUSE I WAS BORN, AND FOR THIS CAUSE I HAVE COME INTO THE WORLD, THAT I SHOULD BEAR WITNESS TO THE TRUTH. EVERYONE WHO IS OF THE TRUTH HEARS MY VOICE."**



**38 PILATE SAID TO HIM, "WHAT IS TRUTH?" AND WHEN HE  
HAD SAID THIS, HE WENT OUT AGAIN TO THE JEWS, AND  
SAID TO THEM, "I FIND NO FAULT IN HIM AT ALL."**

**4 PILATE THEN WENT OUT AGAIN, AND SAID TO  
THEM, “BEHOLD, I AM BRINGING HIM OUT TO  
YOU, THAT YOU MAY KNOW THAT I FIND NO FAULT  
IN HIM.”**

**JOHN 19:4-11**

**NKJV**



**5 THEN JESUS CAME OUT, WEARING THE CROWN  
OF THORNS AND THE PURPLE ROBE. AND PILATE  
SAID TO THEM, "BEHOLD THE MAN!"**

**6 THEREFORE, WHEN THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND OFFICERS SAW HIM, THEY CRIED OUT, SAYING, "CRUCIFY HIM, CRUCIFY HIM!" PILATE SAID TO THEM, "YOU TAKE HIM AND CRUCIFY HIM, FOR I FIND NO FAULT IN HIM."**



**7 THE JEWS ANSWERED HIM, "WE HAVE A LAW,  
AND ACCORDING TO OUR LAW HE OUGHT TO DIE,  
BECAUSE HE MADE HIMSELF THE SON OF GOD."**

**8 THEREFORE, WHEN PILATE HEARD THAT  
SAYING, HE WAS THE MORE AFRAID,**



**9 AND WENT AGAIN INTO THE PRAETORIUM, AND  
SAID TO JESUS, "WHERE ARE YOU FROM?" BUT  
JESUS GAVE HIM NO ANSWER.**

**10 THEN PILATE SAID TO HIM, "ARE YOU NOT  
SPEAKING TO ME? DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT I  
HAVE POWER TO CRUCIFY YOU, AND POWER TO  
RELEASE YOU?"**



**11 JESUS ANSWERED, "YOU COULD HAVE NO  
POWER AT ALL AGAINST ME UNLESS IT HAD BEEN  
GIVEN YOU FROM ABOVE. THEREFORE THE ONE  
WHO DELIVERED ME TO YOU HAS THE GREATER  
SIN."**



**19 WHILE HE WAS SITTING ON THE JUDGMENT SEAT, HIS WIFE SENT TO HIM, SAYING, "HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT JUST MAN, FOR I HAVE SUFFERED MANY THINGS TODAY IN A DREAM BECAUSE OF HIM."**

**MATTHEW 27:19**

**NKJV**



# **JESUS RESPONSE- AN APPEAL TO REASON**

# OUR RESPONSE