



the **GOSPEL**
of **MARK**

The Trials Begin

- Jesus' trials: 3 religious/Jews, 3 civil /Rome
- 1- 1st Religious Trial: Annas, Jn.18:12-14
 - Decision: Go signal given to kill Jesus.
- 2- 2nd Religious Trial: Caiaphas, **Mk 14:53-65**;
 - Mt.26:57-68 Decision: Death: blasphemy
 - Proclaimed himself the Messiah, God the Son.

The Trials

- 3- 3rd Religious Trial, Sanhedrin, Mt.27:1-2, Lk.22:63-71
 - Decision: Death sentence made ‘legal’
- 4- 1st Civil: **Pilate**, Jn.18:28-38; **Mk 15**
 - Decision: Not guilty.
- 5- 2nd Civil: **Herod**, Lk.23:6-12;
 - Decision: Not guilty.

The Trials

- 6- 3rd Civil Trial: **Pilate**, Jn.18:39-19:6;
Mk 15
 - Decision: Not guilty, but turned to the Jews to be crucified (Mt.27:26).
- Mark records 1 religious trial, 2 civil
- Caiaphas' house, Herod's Hall, Fortress of Antonia



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Mark's record

- Jesus' led to illegal Sanhedrin trial (night)
 - Vs 53 – list of those *gathered
 - Peter follows, but at a distance
- Chief priests, Council “look” for testimony
 - They had no charges except their own!
 - Death sentence already the goal...
 - “not finding any” (55); no consistency (56)

The 'charge'

- Vs 58 – 'destroy this Temple' (John 2:19)
 - Statement made 3 years before – out of context
 - Yet, they knew Mt 27:63 – sealing of the tomb!
 - Even this not consistent (59)
- No response from Jesus – He dies for ...
- "Are you the Christ" (62) "I AM"
 - *said – witnesses? No! Violence, abuse 63-65

Peter's story

- Shattered by prophecy and his own actions
- Yearned to be faithful...
 - High priest's (1) serving girl *came
 - You were with Jesus! – denied
 - Another (2) girl “this is one of *them!*” – denied
 - (3) Bystanders pick up his “accent”... Galilean
 - Response?

Peter needed prayer!

- Jesus had prayed for this moment! Lk 22:31
 - Puts himself under a curse, oaths
 - Pushed to the point of terror and fear...
- Rooster sounds out! (72)
 - Moment of realization...
 - Lk 22:61 – passing by a window?
 - Peter weeps... *klaio* - to cry audibly, as a child

Ch. 15 - The long night ends

- Early, day break – quick “legal” charge...
 - Send Him to Pilate, Fortress of Antonia
 - “king of the Jews?” – only legal charge that sticks
 - Jesus in the Hall –
 - Answers this question - *said
 - Charges but no response
 - Amazed and confused (Mt 27:19)



The 'substitute'

- The plot to replace Bar-abba over Jesus
 - “Son of father”
 - Murder and insurrection against Rome (7)
 - Much question about this...
 - He is the picture of each of us...
 - Jesus takes our place on the cross of judgment