



THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW



THE ORIGINAL KANGAROO COURT

Matthew 26:57–68, 27:1–2



THE JEWISH LEADERS

- #1 | Recruit**
- #2 | Reject**
- #3 | Revile**
- #4 | Resolve**



#1 | RECRUIT

Matthew 26:57–60a



57 Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. **58** And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end.



59 Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, **60** but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward.



#1 | RECRUIT

Matthew 26:57–60a



RECRUIT

false witnesses to slander Jesus as a false messiah



#2 | REJECT

Matthew 26:60b–66

Reject



Matthew 26:60b–66

60b-61 False witnesses

62 High Priest

63a Jesus

63b High Priest

64 Jesus

65-66a High Priest

66b Sanhedrin

Reject



Matthew 26:60b–66

^{60b} 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.’”



⁶² And the **high priest** stood up and said,

“Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?”

Reject



Matthew 26:60b–66

⁶³ But **Jesus** remained silent.

Reject



Matthew 26:60b–66

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!”

Reject



Matthew 26:60b–66

64 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.”



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?”

Reject



Matthew 26:60b–66

They answered,

“He deserves death.”



- 1 The Lord says to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”
- 2 The Lord sends forth from Zion
your mighty scepter.
Rule in the midst of your enemies!



3 Your people will offer themselves freely
on the day of your power,
in holy garments;
from the womb of the morning,
the dew of your youth will be yours.



- 4 The Lord has sworn
and will not change his mind,
“You are a priest forever
after the order of Melchizedek.”
- 5 The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.



13 “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.



¹⁴ And **to him was given dominion**
and **glory** and **a kingdom**,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.

Reject



Leviticus 24:16

16 Whoever blasphemes the name of the Lord shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall stone him. The sojourner as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death.



#2 | REJECT

Matthew 26:60b–66



REJECT

true testimony to condemn Jesus as a false messiah



#3 | REVILE

Matthew 26:67–68



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?”



- ⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.
- ⁶ I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face from **disgrace and spitting.**



³ He was **despised** and **rejected** by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was **despised**, and we **esteemed** him **not**.



- ⁷ 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**.
- ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away;



9 And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was **no deceit in his mouth.**



- 6 But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and **despised** by the people.
- 7 All who see me **mock** me;
they make mouths at me; they **wag their heads**;
- 8 “He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”



#3 | REVILE

Matthew 26:67–68



REVILE

Jesus to shame him as a false messiah



#4 | RESOLVE

Matthew 27:1–2



¹ When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. ² And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.



Matthew 26:59, 66; 27:1

26:59 Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might ***put him to death.***



Matthew 26:59, 66; 27:1

26:66 “What is your judgement?”

They answered “***He deserves death.***”



Matthew 26:59, 66; 27:1

27:1 all the chief priests and the elders of the people
took counsel [*schemed*] against Jesus
to ***put him to death.***



Matthew 26:59, 66; 27:1

26:59

that they might ***put him to death.***

26:66

“He deserves death.”

27:1

to ***put him to death.***



#4 | RESOLVE

Matthew 27:1–2



RESOLVE

to murder Jesus as a false messiah



THE JEWISH LEADERS

- #1: **Recruit** false witnesses to slander Jesus,
- #2: **Reject** true testimony to condemn Jesus,
- #3: **Revile** Jesus to shame him, and
- #4: **Resolve** to murder Jesus as a false messiah.



CONCLUDING CHALLENGE

What kind of 'court' is your heart?



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