

“The Trial of the Son of Man” Luke 22:63-23:25

Please Open Your Bibles to Psalm 69:1-4

We left off with the betrayal and arrest of Jesus and Peter denying Him three times. Jesus will now face several trials. Even though He is not guilty of any crime He will still face a certain death. At the time of Jesus’s arrest, it was still night and before the day broke this is what happened...

Jesus Mocked

Luke 22:63-65

This would have happened when they first brought Him to Annas...

John 18:12-13

Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year.

Why would they ask Him to Prophecy? Because that was one of the titles of the Messiah.

Deuteronomy 18:18-19

I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.

They are mocking the very thing that Jesus is. Did you know there are three roles that Jesus will operate in?

First Coming:

Prophet

Right Now:

Priest

Second Coming:

King

People get these mixed up and cause all kinds of problems. We are going to look into this in detail when we finish Luke and show you what the Bible teaches on this. Jesus had been saying this was going to happen...

Luke 18:31-33

Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the

prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.”

All the things that Jesus said came to pass exactly like He said they would. But notice the way that they treat Him? Did you know the world is not just happy with rejecting you because you are a Christian but want to make a mockery of you. You will become the center of their jokes. They will make extra effort to make fun of your God and say things that they know will trigger you. Have you seen that the LGBTQ+ is not just happy with having the freedom to do what they want but use that freedom to force you to accept their ways? Have you seen the mockery of Jesus every chance they get? It's not by accident Jesus told us before it happened!

John 15:18-19,25

“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you... But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, ‘They hated Me without a cause.’”

It happened to Him and it will happen to you.

Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin

Luke 22:66-71

Now we have more context from the other gospels on this interaction between Jesus and the ruling council...

Matthew 26:59-61

Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’ ”

This tells us that they were not seeking a fair trial because their own law says...

Deuteronomy 19:15

“One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.”

They knew they had nothing to charge Him with so they set this up so they could ask Him this question...

Mark 14:60-64

And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, “Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?” But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, “Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” Jesus said, “I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “What further need do we have of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?” And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.

Once a prophet is established by a 100% fulfillment of past prophecies you can bank on the future ones. When He said, “You will see” He is referring to National Israel at His second coming. They will see Him and He is coming! But now the trial before Pilate...

Jesus Faces Pilate the First Time

Luke 23:1-5

Now we need to understand that in the first century that the Jews had lost their ability to enact Corporal Punishment. The Romans in order to keep the peace had let them judge their own under their law but the death penalty would have to be judged by Rome. Also, Pilate had a shaky relationship with them. When he had first gained power, he had persecuted and killed many of the Jews and they sent a delegation to Rome to complain to Caesar. Caesar told Pilate that one more uprising a that's it. You need to know this because of the animosity that we read in the scriptures between Pilate and the religious leaders. We get more context from John's gospel...

John 13:36-38

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." 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." 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."

And we know why they handed Him over...

Mark 13:10

For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

This is why he looked for every avenue to release him including whose jurisdiction He should be tried in...

Pilate Hands Him Over to Herod

Luke 23:6-12

In the first century Israel was divided by Rome into different districts. The south run by Pilate and the north run by one of Herod the Great's sons. This is the same Herod that killed J the B and had been wanting to meet Jesus during His Ministry...

Luke 9:7-9

Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by Him; and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead, and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the old prophets had risen again. Herod said, "John I have beheaded, but who is this of whom I hear such things?" So he sought to see Him.

Did you know there are many that only want to come to Jesus for the things He can provide and not for anything else. If you come to Jesus with the wrong motive don't expect Him to answer you. Herod could care less about who Jesus is. He heard He did things and wanted to see for himself but at no time would he think of following Him. So, they mock Him and send Him back. He was being accused in Jerusalem and He needed to be tried in Jerusalem. Nothing could stop that no matter how powerful you think you are.

Jesus Takes the Place of Another

Luke 23:13-25

This is very interesting thing that is happening here. After all of this Pilate is now sitting in the Judgement seat and the people, who act as jury so to speak, as they agree or disagree with his verdict. Now as a gesture of goodwill to the people of Israel they would release one prisoner to them as John tells us.

John 18:39

“But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”

But this court is the court of public opinion, and they shout to Pilate to release “Barabbas” Now this is very interesting...

Jesus, the Son of the Father

Aramaic:

Bar = Son

Abbas = Father

Do you see it? One deserving of death and the other innocent. One set free and the other is judged. You really need to see this because you are Barabbas! “What do you mean!” you say. You and I are guilty of rebellion and murder. The Bible is clear about who we were before we came to Christ...

Ephesians 2:1-3

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Don't be mistaken. You and I are Barabbas. We are guilty.

Titus 2:3

For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.

The Bible says if you hate your brother, you are guilty of murder!

Romans 3:9-12

What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; there is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one."

We are all under the same condemnation as Barabbas. A matter of fact, he is our forerunner. When tried and convicted we stand before the God of universe with nothing to say. All that's left is the sentence. Barabbas was headed to the cross and Jesus took his place! You and I deserve the judgment that he should have gotten but guess what? He took your place so you could be set free!

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.