

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

A JOURNEY WITH THE KING



It's a cold dark night in early April in Jerusalem roughly two thousand years ago. Just a few hours ago, a delicious dinner and restful time was experienced by thirteen friends. A traitor was revealed among them followed by a communion service instituted to remember the high price that was about to be paid for sin. They sang hymns together as they journeyed to a special garden where intense prayer, deep sleep, a flurry of activity, treachery, and an ugly betrayal all rapidly unfold. Jesus Christ the King has willingly surrendered to be tried by the _____ leadership of Israel as His own dear friends have fled the scene.

THE KING STANDS TRIAL IN RELIGION'S COURT – Matthew 26:57-27:10

1. **Inside**, Jesus is tried and found “guilty” of blasphemy against God – v. 57-68

- He is bound and taken first to Annas who tries him sending him along to his son-in-law, the _____ high priest that year, Caiaphas – v. 57-58; Lk. 3:2; Jn. 18:12-13, 24; Acts 4:6-22.
- False witnesses were sought against Jesus from the time this plot began, but none could _____ except two who bring a twisted charge – v.59-63, 12:14; Mk. 11:18, 14:56-58; Jn. 2:19-21, 18:20-22.
- Jesus is asked a question under _____ to God leading to the dramatic pronouncement of His guilt and death sentence – v.63-66; Mk. 14:62; Dan. 7:13; Rev. 1:7; Lev. 24:16; Jn. 10:24-36, 19:7.
- This high-level religious _____ spit in Jesus' face, punch (*buffet*) him openly, and play games while physically assaulting Him – v. 67-68; Mk. 14:65; Deut. 19:16-18, 17:4-6; Lk. 22:53; 1 Pet. 2:21-25.

2. **Outside**, Peter is tried and found guilty by his own conscience and genuinely repents – v. 69-75

- John and Peter follow Jesus to the palace of the high priest to see the _____, but only John goes inside with the Lord – v. 58, 69; Jn. 18:15-16; Mk. 14:53-54.
- Peter publicly denies knowing Jesus _____ times, denying in a worse way each time, right before the rooster crows – v. 34, 69-74; Mk. 14:70-71; Jn. 18:26; Lk. 22:31-34.
- Jesus and Peter exchange glances at that _____ moment as Jesus comes by in transport. Peter repents **to the Lord** by being broken and contrite – v. 75; Jn. 18:27-28; Lk. 22:60-62; Ps. 51:17.

3. **Elsewhere**, Judas is tried and found guilty by his own conscience and falsely repents – 27:1-10

- Judas recognizes His guilt and repents _____ **to the priests/elders** finding no comfort from religion for his sins – v. 1-4; 1 Tim. 2:5; Jn. 10:10-11; 2 Cor. 7:9-10.
- The priests use Judas' “blood money” to buy the very _____ where Judas commits suicide in a gruesome ending – v. 5-10; Acts 1:18-19; Jer. 18-19; Zech. 11:13.