JESUS ON TRIAL April 9, 2017

Judas sells his soul for 30 pieces of silver-the price of a common slave in the OT, the price for betraying His Master Jesus to those who hate Him.





HEARTBREAK IN THE GARDEN

3x, Jesus pours out His Soul to God...

HEARTBREAK IN THE GARDEN

3x, Jesus pours out His Soul to God...

3x, His closest friends abandon Jesus by falling asleep.

Now begins a night of horror and illegality...

I. THE ARREST

John 18:2-3 (NKJV)

² And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples. 3 Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

John 18:4-5 (NKJV)

⁴ Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?" 5 They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them.

His disciples flee (Mark 14:50).... *He truly is alone*.

II. THE CONTEXT

Rome decreed that Palestine can never carry a prisoner to capital punishment

That's why the Jews did not try Him for treason, they found him guilty of blasphemy. But they turned it into treason because, in Rome, death is instantaneous for those guilty of treason

III. THE TRIALS

SIX TRIALS

3 Jewish 3 Roman

Illegalities of the Jewish trials.

Illegalities of the Jewish trials.

- 1. Capital crime arrest was never to be at night.
- 2. No Jewish trial could be held at night.
- 3. After hearing the testimony, jurists could not immediately act and judge
- 4. vote was supposed to be taken from the youngest to the oldest
- 5. No trial could be held before only one judge, and never without a defense attorney.

FIRST TRIAL: ANNAS

The Former High Priest, Father-in-law of Caiaphas, the current High Priest.

Was High Priest for 17 years—oversaw the Money Changers at the Temple

JOHN 18:20-21 NKJV

²⁰ Jesus answered him.... ²¹ Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said."

Mark 14:53 NKJV: ⁵³ And they led Jesus away to the high priest; and with him were assembled all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes.







They gather about 3:30 am—it's illegal!

They gather about 3:30 am—it's illegal!

They're out to MURDER THIS MAN!

He talks to the accused (also illegal) (Mark 14:60-61) Jesus holds His peace and says nothing.

Caiaphas asks him if he's "the Christ, the Son of the Blessed" (verse 61)

Mark 14:62 (NKJV): ⁶² 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."

Mark 14:63 (NKJV): 63
Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "What further need do we have of witnesses?

Around 6 in the morning

When the Sanhedrin passes final judgment, Jesus is destined for the Cross

Luke 22:66-67 (NKJV) 66 As soon as it was day, the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, came together and led Him into their council, saying, 67 "If You are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will by no means believe.

Luke 22:68-69 (NKJV) 68 And if I also ask you, you will by no means answer Me or let Me go. ⁶⁹ Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God."

Luke 22:70-71 (NKJV) 70 Then they all said, "Are You then the Son of God?" So He said to them, "You rightly say that I am." 71 And they said, "What further testimony do we need? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."

FOURTH TRIAL: TO PILATE AND THE ROMAN TRIALS

John 18:28 (NKJV) ²⁸ Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover.

FOUR ELEMENTS OF THE ROMAN CRIMINAL CODE

FOUR ELEMENTS OF THE ROMAN CRIMINAL CODE

1. ACCUSATION

John 18:29-30 (NKJV)

²⁹ Pilate then went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?" ³⁰ They answered and said to him, "If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you."

1. ACCUSATION

John 18:31 (NKJV)

31 Then Pilate said to them,

"You take Him and judge Him according to your law."

1. ACCUSATION

John 18:31 (NKJV)
"... Therefore, the Jews
said to him, "It is not lawful
for us to put anyone to
death..."

2. INTERROGATION

John 18:33-34 (NKJV): 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?**"

2. INTERROGATION

John 18:35-36 (NKJV):

" 35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?"

2. INTERROGATION

John 18:36 (NKJV) 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."

3. DEFENSE

John 18:37-38 (NKJV): 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?"

4. VERDICT

John 18:38 (NKJV):

"... 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. VERDICT

Luke 23:4-5 (NKJV):

⁴ So Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no fault in this Man." 5 But they were the more fierce, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place.

FIFTH TRIAL BEFORE HEROD

Luke 23:6-7 (NKJV):

⁶ When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean. ⁷ And as soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

FIFTH TRIAL BEFORE HEROD

Luke 23:8 (NKJV):

⁸ Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for a long time to see Him, because he had heard many things about Him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him.

FIFTH TRIAL BEFORE HEROD

Luke 23:10-11 (NKJV):

10 And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him. 11 Then Herod, with his men of war, treated Him with contempt and mocked Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate

SIXTH TRIAL: BACK TO PILATE

John 19:16-17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away. 17 And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha,



John 19:18-19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. 19 Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Remember, His trials and His death are followed by His resurrection. Easter's coming!