

# GOD ON TRIAL

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**Introduction:** The six trials of Jesus that resulted in His death were flagrant examples of injustice. Yet, we will see today how God used the injustice of man to accomplish His eternal plan of redemption for those who trust in Christ.

Acts 2:23 “This Man, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.”

### I. An Overview Of The Trials Of Jesus Christ

#### A. Their Chronology

#### Chronology of Events in Life of Jesus Christ from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Cross

Historic Event	Scripture	Approximate Time
Prayer and agony in the garden of Gethsemane	Matthew 26:36-46 Mark 14:32-42 Luke 22:39-46 John 18:1	1:00AM
Betrayal by Judas and arrest of Jesus	Matthew 26:47-56 Mark 14:43-52 Luke 22:47-53 John 18:2-12	1:30AM
Jesus taken to ex-high priest Annas' house for interrogation (trial #1)	John 18:12-14, 19-23	2:00AM
Peter's first denial	Matthew 26:58, 69-70 Mark 14:54, 66-68 Luke 22:54-57 John 18:15-18	2:00AM
Jesus taken to high priest Caiaphas' house for interrogation, where He is beaten and mocked (trial #2)	Matthew 26:57-68 Mark 14:53, 55-65 Luke 22:54, 63-65 John 18:24	3:00AM
Peter's second and third denials	Matthew 26:71-75 Mark 14:69-72 Luke 22:58-62 John 18:25-27	3:00AM
Jesus appears before the Sanhedrin and is condemned to death (trial #3)	Matthew 27:1 Mark 15:1 Luke 22:66-71	6:00AM “when it was day”
Judas commits suicide	Matthew 27:3-10	6:30AM

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Jesus appears before Pilate at his official residence (trial #4)	Matthew 27:2, 11-14 Mark 15:1-5 Luke 23:1-5 John 18:28-38	6:30AM “it was early”
Jesus appears before Herod Antipas and is mocked (trial #5)	Luke 23:6-12	7:00AM
Jesus appears, again, before Pilate. Jesus is scourged, Pilate gives the crowd a choice to release Jesus or Barabbas, and the final judgment of death is rendered (trial #6)	Matthew 27:15-26 Mark 15:6-15 Luke 22:13-25 John 18:39-19:1, 4-16	7:30AM
Jesus is prepared for crucifixion, mocked by Roman soldiers, and proceeds Calvary	Matthew 27:27-34 Mark 15:16-23 Luke 23:26-33 John 19:2-3, 16-17	8:00AM
Jesus is crucified outside the city walls	Matthew 27:35-44 Mark 15:24-32 Luke 23:34-43 John 19:18-27	9:00AM “the third hour”
Darkness engulfs Jerusalem	Matthew 27:45-49 Mark 15:33-36 Luke 23:44 John 19:28-29	12:00 noon “the sixth hour”
Jesus gives up His spirit and dies	Matthew 27:50 Mark 15:37 Luke 23:46 John 19:30	3:00PM “the ninth hour”
Miraculous signs accompany Jesus’ death	Matthew 27:51-56 Mark 15:38-41 Luke 23:45, 47-49	3:00PM

### Credits

This chart was adapted from J. Dwight Pentecost, *A Harmony of the Words and Works of Jesus Christ* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1981), 141-57, and Charles R. Swindoll, *The Darkness and the Dawn: Empowered by the Tragedy and Triumph of the Cross* (Nashville: Word Publishing, 2001), 340; see also Michael Wilcock, *The Message of Luke*, *The Bible Speaks Today* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1979), 190.

The three Synoptic writers—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—all truncate Peter’s denials in the courtyard of Caiaphas, the high priest. But John indicates that Peter’s first denial occurred in the courtyard of Annas, the ex-high priest.

Mark 14:35 “And He went a little beyond them, and fell to the ground, and began to pray that if it were possible, the hour might pass Him by.”

### B. Their Categories

### C. Their Character

## II. The Trials Of Jesus Christ

### A. The Religious Trials

#### 1. Trial before Annas (John 18:12-23)

John 18:12-14 <sup>12</sup> “So the Roman cohort and the commander, and the officers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him, <sup>13</sup> and led Him to Annas first; for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> Now Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was expedient for one man to die on behalf of the people.”

John 18:19-23 <sup>19</sup> “The high priest therefore questioned Jesus about His disciples, and about His teaching. <sup>20</sup> Jesus answered him, ‘I have spoken openly to the world; I always taught in synagogues, and in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and I spoke nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup> Why do you question Me? Question those who have heard what I spoke to them; behold, these know what I said.’ <sup>22</sup> And when He had said this, one of the officers standing by gave Jesus a blow, saying, ‘Is that the way You answer the high priest?’ <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, ‘If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness of the wrong; but if rightly, why do you strike Me?’”

#### 2. Trial before Caiaphas (Matthew 26:57-66)

Matthew 26:57 “And those who had seized Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together.”

Matthew 26:63-66 <sup>63</sup> “But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, ‘I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God.’ <sup>64</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you shall see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, AND COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.’ <sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his robes, saying, ‘He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy; <sup>66</sup> what do you think?’ They answered and said, ‘He is deserving of death!’”

#### 3. Trial before the Sanhedrin (Luke 22:66-71)

Luke 22:70 “And they all said, ‘Are You the Son of God, then?’ And He said to them, ‘Yes, I am.’”

## B. The Civil Trials

### 1. Trial before Pilate (Luke 23:1-4)

Luke 23:1-2 <sup>1</sup> “Then the whole body of them arose and brought Him before Pilate. <sup>2</sup> And they began to accuse Him saying, ‘We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King.’”

Luke 23:3-4 <sup>3</sup> “And Pilate asked Him, saying, ‘Are You the King of the Jews?’ And He answered him and said, ‘It is as you say.’ <sup>4</sup> And Pilate said to the chief priests and the multitudes, ‘I find no guilt in this man.’”

John 18:36 “Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting, that I might not be delivered up to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.’”

### 2. Trial before Herod Antipas (Luke 23:8-11)

Luke 23:8 “Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus; for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some sign performed by Him.”

### 3. Final trial before Pilate (Matthew 27:15-26)

Matthew 27:15-17 <sup>15</sup> “Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the multitude any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup> And they were holding at that time a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> When therefore they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, ‘Whom do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?’”

Luke 23:34a “But Jesus was saying, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’”

2 Corinthians 5:21 “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

## Conclusion