

Jesus' Trials
Lesson #11
Luke 22:66-23:25

Only five days after Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, he was betrayed by one of his own disciples to the religious leaders. Under darkness of night, he was bound and taken first to Annas then to Caiaphas' house where the Sanhedrin had already gathered into a great assembly.

Friday

1. *"At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and teachers of the law, met together and Jesus was led before them."* (Luke 22:66) What was the council's first question to Jesus? (Luke 22:67a)

2. What did Jesus say in reply?
 - Luke 22:67b

 - Luke 22:68

 - Luke 22:69

3. What was their second question? (Luke 22:70a)

4. How did Jesus answer this question? (Luke 22:70b)

5. Based upon Jesus' own testimony, what was the council's verdict? (Luke 22:71)

6. When Judas saw that Jesus had been condemned by the religious leaders and was being taken to the Praetorium, what was his reaction? (Matthew 27:3-4a)

7. Were the religious leaders compassionate toward Judas' confession? (Matthew 27:4b)

8. How did Judas deal with his guilt? (Matthew 27:5)
9. What did the chief priests do after Judas left? (Matthew 27:6-8)
10. Who had prophesied that this would happen? (Matthew. 27:9 & 10)

Jesus' Trial at the Praetorium

11. Where did "the whole assembly" take Jesus next? (Luke 23:1)
12. What details does John add?
 - John 18:28a
 - John 18:28b
 - John 18:29
13. What did the council say Jesus was being accused of? (Luke 23:2a)
14. What evidence did they give? (Luke 23:2b)
15. Notice the charge Pilate picked up on. What was the Roman Governor's question to Jesus? (Luke 23:3a)
16. What was Jesus' answer to that question? (Luke 23:3b)
17. Based upon his first question and Jesus' answer, what was Pilate's assessment? (Luke 23:4)
18. "But they insisted." (Luke 23:5a) These religious leaders were determined to carry out their plan. What was that plan? (Luke 19:47)

19. Since those charges didn't work, what was their next evidence? (Luke 23:5)
20. What did Pilate pick up on this time? (Luke 23:6)
21. What did Pilate do with that new evidence? (Luke 23:7)

Jesus' Trial before King Herod

22. Jesus was then sent to Herod (Antipas) for his fourth trial on Thursday morning. How did Herod react to the surprise delivery of Jesus? (Luke 23:8a)
 - Why? (Luke 23:8b)
23. Try to picture the scene; Herod would have been sitting on a throne with a bound and beaten Jesus standing before him. Around them stood Herod's soldiers and the Jewish religious leaders. Describe what was going on with each person or group.
 - Herod: (Luke 23:9a)
 - Jesus: (Luke 23:9b)
 - Religious leaders: (Luke 23:10)
 - The soldiers with Herod's approval: (Luke 23:11)
24. Jesus was sent back to Pilate a second time for yet another trial. Notice the effect Jesus had upon Pilate and Herod. What did Luke say about their relationship? (Luke 23:12)
25. Summarize what Pilate told the people about Jesus? (Luke 23:13-15)
26. How does Luke say the crowd that had gathered answered Pilate? (Luke 23:18a)

27. What did they demand? (Luke 23:18b)
28. What was their reasoning for asking that another be released? (John 18:39 & 40)
29. Why had Barabbas been imprisoned? (Luke 23:19)
30. Did Pilate want to do this? (Lk. 23:20)
31. But they kept shouting. What punishment was the crowd demanding for Jesus? (Luke 23:21)
32. For a third time Pilate addressed the crowd that day. What did he say this time? (Luke 23:22)
33. How did Luke describe the scene that followed? (Luke 23:23)
34. After declaring Jesus' innocence three times, what did Pilate do? (Luke 23:24 & 25)
35. John's account of Pilate is found in John 19:1-16. According to John, who were the people in the crowd demanding that Jesus be crucified? (John 19:6)
36. When Pilate said that he had found no basis for charging Jesus, what answer did the Jewish leaders give to Pilate? (John 19:7)
37. What insight does John give regarding what was going on in Pilate's mind? (John 19:8)
38. What did he do then? (John 19:9)

39. What did Jesus say to Pilate? (John 19:11)

40. What does John say that Pilate tried to do? (John 19:12a)

41. But just as Luke wrote, John also declared, *"Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified."* John 19:16