

## **THE MOST IMPORTANT TRIAL**

Scripture Reading: John 18:28-38

### **The God-Given Emphasis on the Trial**

### **The Timing of the Trial**

How could it all happen so fast?

1. They had some time to prepare.

- to contact Pilate
- to organize the arresting party
- to gather the Sanhedrin
- to solicit false witnesses

2. The locations were in very close proximity to one another.
3. They were determined to complete this as soon as possible.

### **Trial or Trials?**

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### **The Participants**

- Jesus
- Disciples
- Judas
- Jewish leaders (including the Sanhedrin, and especially the high priest Caiaphas and his father Annas)
- Temple officers / guards
- Slaves of the Jewish leaders
- Roman politicians: Pilate and Herod
- Pilate's wife
- Roman cohort (soldiers) and their commander
- Herod's soldiers
- Witnesses
- Barabbas
- Crowds

### **Legal or Illegal?**

Numbers 11:11, 16

Deuteronomy 16:18-20

Deuteronomy 19:11-12; 22:18

*Acts 8:33 in humiliation his judgment was taken away*

### **Conclusion**

- We are the opposition.
- We are the jury.
- We are the defendant.
- The true trial was unseen.

## The Most Important Trial *Supplemental Material*

### Chart of Biblical Material:

		Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
1	First Jewish Phase: Annas				18:13-14, 19-24
2	2nd Jewish: Caiaphas / Sanhedrin	26:57-68	14:53-65	22:54	
	Peter's Denials	26:58, 69-75	14:54, 66-72	22:54-65	18:15-18, 25-27
3	Third Jewish Phase: Sanhedrin	27:1	15:1a	22:66-71	
	Judas (cf. Acts 1:18-19)	27:3-10			
4	First Roman Phase: Pilate	27:2, 11-14	15:1b-5	23:1-5	18:28-38
5	Second Roman Phase: Herod Antipas			23:6-12	
6	Third Roman Phase: Pilate	27:15-26	15:6-15	23:13-25	18:39-19:16

(Based off of the chronology from *A Harmony of the Gospels*, Robert L. Thomas and Stanley N. Gundry)

### Suggested Reading List

Matthew 26:47-56  
 John 18:12-14, 19-24  
 Mark 14:53-65  
 Matthew 26:68  
 Luke 22:65  
 John 18:15-18, 25-27  
 Mark 14:54, 66-72  
 Mark 15:1a  
 Matthew 27:1  
 Luke 22:66-71  
 Matthew 27:3-10  
 Acts 1:18-19  
 John 18:28-32

Luke 23:2-3  
 John 18:33-38  
 Matthew 27:12-14  
 Mark 15:3-5  
 Luke 23:5-16  
 Mark 15:6-8  
 Matthew 27:17-21  
 Luke 23:18-19  
 John 18:40-19:5  
 Matthew 27:22-23  
 John 19:6-16  
 Matthew 27:24-26  
 Luke 23:24-25