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Jesus before three Jewish Judges in His trial:

### III. JESUS BEFORE HEROD

#### Luke 23:8-11

From Annas to Caiaphas to Pilate to Herod.

I. **HEROD** a picture of one once awakened, who put Jesus off. Now that his conscience is seared his interest in Biblical religion is only idle curiosity: v8

- No more fear (Mark 6:14-29; esp v20, 16)  
Likely heard much of Jesus from Chuza (Lk 8:2-3)
- Fascination with the supernatural
- Many fruitless questions

You: beware putting Jesus off while your heart is tender. You will likely not continue to take Him seriously if you do not respond to Him soon

II. **JESUS'** response: silence: v9

- He will not cheapen the Gospel (Matt 7:6)
- He refuses deference because he is a king
- Silence is sometimes the best way to make one aware of their foolishness

You: He may not continue to speak to you if you ignore Him.

His words are not cheap. How you may wish He would speak to you again some day.

III. **HEROD**: when such a one does not get what he wants from God, he turns nasty: v10-11

- He supports attacks on Jesus
- He mocks Him
- He wants to be rid of Him

You: some of the greatest enemies of Christ grew up in gospel churches! I shudder to think of them!

IV. **JESUS'** response

- What suffering to endure foolish trivialities on the most somber day in the history of the world
- The suffering of enduring false malicious accusations—from Israel's leaders!
- He feels the pain of their inappropriate laughter heaping more judgment upon themselves

See His majesty in stark contrast to the fools

See what He suffered for you

When **you** suffer from stubborn opponents, remember

I Peter 2:20-23 → 24-25 (example) and Phil 3:10 (fellowship)

But He sees beyond all this.... Do you?  
Through me He is still speaking to you.

HEED Him before you are left to silence and the next words you hear from Him are at the Throne of His Judgment.

He is never silent to honest questions.  
But He will not respond to idle excuses.