

I. Jesus' trial

- A. Arrest by the temple guards (22:47-53)
- B. Abuse while in custody
- C. By night – against Jewish law
- D. With high priests first – Annas (emeritus) and Caiaphas (current; cf. John 18:13,19)
- E. Kangaroo trial before the Council (Sanhedrin) at daybreak (Mark 14:56-59)
- F. Hearings before Pilate and Herod

II. Who is on trial?

- A. "If you are the Christ, tell us." (v. 67)
- B. Well, is he? Jesus' answer (vv. 67-68 cf. Luke 20:3-8,41-45; John 18:36)
- C. "But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God." (v. 69 cf. Daniel 7:13-14)
- D. Quick math: Son of Man = Son of God

III. Real and pretended authority

- A. Jesus' answers ... refusal to answer; instruction; indirect answer ("You say that I am.")
- B. Jesus is saying that they do not have authority to try him in the first place! (cf. Luke 20:9-17; Romans 13:1)
- C. This trial is a mockery of justice, a mockery of judgment

IV. Remember that this is what Jesus went through

- A. When you see people putting God's existence "on trial"
- B. When you see bad people in authority
- C. When you suffer injustice or slander