

I. Jesus is Tried

v 57 - 68

- v 57 Caiaphas was Annas' son-in-law, John 18:13
- v 59 "The instigators of this bloodthirsty crime were religious priests." D. Hoffman
the council sought false witnesses - Mt 12:14, 26:59; Mk 14:55, 15:1; Lk 22:66, Jn 11:47
- v 60 *many false witnesses* - **Mark 14:55-59** [Note OT penalty for such = Deu 19:15-19]
- v 61-62 Christ silent against false accusations **Isaiah 53:7**
- v 63 *I adjure thee by the living God* ~ **1 Kings 22:16**
def: to solemnly charge
- v 64 *Thou hast said* ~ "You are correct" Note: v 25
the Son of man - **Daniel 7:13**
on the right hand of power - **Psalms 110:1**
the clouds of glory - **Ezekiel 1:4 & 28**
- v 65 *the high priest rent his clothes* - against OT Law, **Leviticus 21:10**
- v 67 *they ... spit ... buffeted ... and smote him* - **Isaiah 50:4-9**

The ILLEGAL Trial of Jesus, by Earle Wingo JD, 2009, Chick Publ.

1. The arrest in the Garden : They had no warrant when they apprehended Jesus. Mt 26:59
2. Annas had no jurisdiction : Pontius Pilate was the governor. Luke 3:1
3. The Sanhedrin's Assembly was Unlawful : Jewish law forbids both feast &/or night trials.
4. The many false witnesses contradicted each other. Mark 14:55-59
5. Jesus was not allowed witnesses. **John 7:50-51**
6. Jewish law forbade a Jew to be convicted of death in one day.
A Jew could be *acquitted* of death in a one day trial; but *conviction* required sober deliberation and prayer before imposing such a verdict.
7. The Sanhedrin could not authorize the death penalty under Roman law.

II. Peter is Tried

v 69 - 75

Luke 22:31-32

- v 58 *But Peter followed him afar off* = afar off love: stands alone
- v 70-74 *he denied ... he denied ... he cursed* = faltering love: against Satan's attack
- v 75 *Peter remembered the word of Jesus* = fixed love : thru Christ's Victory
Psalms 57:1 & 4-7 1 Cor 15:57-58

ref: *The Gospel According to Matthew*, G. Campbell Morgan, 1929, Baker Book House