

Tried by the Sanhedrin

Matthew 26:57-68; Isaiah 53

- I. **THE IRREGULARITY OF PROCEEDINGS** (Isa 53:8)—**Sanhedrin is highest religious court**
 - A. **The Late Hour** (Lk 22:53)—many members would not be able to attend
 - B. **The Irregular Location** (57-58)—private residence of the top judge; not neutral
 - C. **The Malicious Intent** (59)—looking for a reason to condemn Jesus
 - D. **The False Witnesses** (60; Deut 19:15-19)—case should be dismissed, accusers punished
 - E. **The Prisoner Abuse** (67-68)—mocking, striking, spitting

- II. **THE FULFILLMENT OF SCRIPTURE** (26:56; Luke 24:25-27, 44-46)—***Moses and the Prophets***
 - A. **The Role of Caiaphas** (Lev 16:20-22)—***High Priest makes the atonement sacrifice***
 - B. **The Innocence of Christ** (Isa 53:8-9)—***the sacrifice without blemish; accusations false***
 - C. **The Silence of Christ** (62-63; Isa 53:7-8)
 1. **The Composure of Jesus** (Rev 12:11)—***regal bearing, dignity***
 - a. **Courage**—unafraid, does not bow or cringe or plead for his life
 - b. **Protest**—does not dignify His accusers with an answer or response
 2. **The Submission of Jesus** (Isa 50:6-8; 53:3)—***humility, self-control***
 - a. **To False Accusation**—did not argue or defend Himself
 - b. **To Degrading Insult**—mockery and spitting
 - c. **To Physical Violence** (Mat 5:38-39)—punching and slapping

3. The **Acceptance** of Jesus (Isa 53:4; Jn 12:27-28; Gal 1:4; Eph 5:2)—*accepts the role of sacrifice and scapegoat*
4. The **Example** of Jesus (Heb 12:3; 1 Pet 2:21-23; Mat 5:10-12 & 10:24-25)
 - a. **Expect Persecution.** (Mat 10:22, 24-25; 16:24)
 - b. **Endure it Patiently.** (Rom 12:12; 2 Tim 2:3; Heb 10:32-39; 1 Pet 2:19-20; Rev 2:3)
 - c. **Do Not Retaliate.** (Rom 12:19)
 - d. **Trust God.** (1 Pet 2:23)
 - With your **Body and Soul** (Mat 10:28; Jn 6:40 & 11:25-26)—*Resurrection*
 - With your **Reputation** (Isa 50:7-8)—*God will vindicate*

III. **THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS** (63b-66)—*Under Oath*

- A. **Jesus Acknowledges His Identity.** (63b-64a)—*the Christ, the Son of God (Israel's King)*
 - ➔ Jesus is officially condemned *because He is our Savior.*
- B. **Jesus Prophecies of the Future.** (64b; Dan 7:13-14; Heb 6:13-18)—*His return in glory*
 1. Jesus promises, under oath, **to return!**
 2. Jesus will judge **the church.** (Ezk 34; 1 Pet 4:17-19)
- C. **Accused of Blasphemy** (65-66; Lev 24:13-16)—*verbal sin of profaning what is sacred; speaking against or cursing God; misusing or not showing proper reverence for God's name.*
 1. Jesus does claim **divinity.** (Mk 2:7; Jn 5:23, 8:58-59; 10:30-31; Dan 7:13-14)
 2. His accusers are the ones **blaspheming.** (Acts 26:11)
 3. Jesus bears **our blasphemies to the cross.** (Mat 12:31-32)