

## Wednesday Evening Bible Study

July 1, 2020

### *The Jesu Brought Before the Council*

Text – Luke 22:54 - 71

#### Chronological Order of Events from the Last Supper through the Crucifixion:

1. The Last Supper (Matthew 26:26 – 29; Mark 14:22 – 25; Luke 22:14 – 23)
2. Contention As To Who Is Greatest (Luke 22:24 – 30)
3. Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet (John 13:1 – 17)
4. Judas is Identified as the Betrayer (Matthew 26:20 – 25; Mark 14:17 – 21; John 13:18 – 35)
5. They Sing a Hymn and Leave the Upper Room (Matthew 26:30; Mark 14:26; John 14:31)
6. The Disciples and Peter’s Denial Foretold (Matthew 26:31 – 34; Mark 14:27 – 31; Luke 22:31 – 38; John 13:36 - 38)
7. Jesus Comforts the Disciples and Speaks of the Holy Spirit (John 14:1 – 30)
8. Farewell Discourse (John 15:1 – 16:33)
  - a. The True Vine
  - b. Warning of Persecution
  - c. Comfort for the Disciples
  - d. The Coming of the Comforter
9. The Real Lord’s Prayer (John 17)
10. The Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:35 – 46; Mark 14:32 – 42; Luke 22:39 – 46; John 18:1)
11. Jesus Arrested (Matthew 26:47 – 56; Mark 14:43 – 52; Luke 22:47 – 53; John 18:2 – 11)
12. Jesus Is Brought Before Annas (John 18:12 – 14, 19 - 23)
- 13. Jesus Is Brought Before Caiaphas (Matthew 26:57, 59 – 68; Mark 14:53, 55 – 65; Luke 22:54, 63 - 65; John 18:24)**
- 14. Peter’s Denials (Matthew 26:58, 69 – 75; Mark 14:54, 66 – 72; Luke 22:55 – 62; John 18:15 – 18, 25 – 27)**
- 15. Jesus Condemned By the Sanhedrin (Matthew 27:1 - 2; Mark 15:1; Luke 22:66 – 71)**
16. Suicide of Judas (Matthew 27: 3 – 10)
17. Jesus First Appearance Before Pilate (Matthew 27:11 – 14; Mark 15:2 – 5; Luke 23:1 – 5; John 18:28 – 38)
18. Jesus Appears Before Herod (Luke 23:6 – 12)

19. Jesus Second Appearance Before Pilate and Release of Barabbas (Matthew 27:15 – 26; Mark 15:6 – 15; Luke 23:13 – 25; John 18:39 – 40)
20. Jesus Mocked and Beaten and Final Sentence Pronounced (Matthew 27:27 – 31; Mark 15:16 – 19; John 19:1 – 16)
21. Journey to Golgotha (Matthew 27:32 – 34; Mark 15:20 – 23; Luke 23:26 – 32; John 19:17)
22. The Crucifixion (Matthew 27:35 – 44; Mark 15:24 – 32; Luke 23:33 – 43; John 19:18 – 27)
23. The Last Hours (Matthew 27:45 – 50; Mark 15:33 – 37; Luke 23:44 – 46; John 19:28 – 37)
24. Miraculous Occurrences at the Cross (Matthew 27:51 – 56; Mark 15:38 – 41; Luke 23:47 – 49)
25. Jesus' Burial (Matthew 27:57 – 61; Mark 15:42 – 47; Luke 23:50 – 56; John 19:38 – 42)
26. Pilate Seals the Tomb (Matthew 27:62 – 66)

## Introduction

**Read Luke 22:54 – 62** – This section was dealt with previously.

Notice the events in boldface above. This is the section that we will be dealing with tonight, excluding the denials by Peter, which were covered previously. After Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane He was brought before Annas (John 18:12 – 23) who was the father-in-law of the high priest, Caiaphas. He was next sent to Caiaphas (v. 54; John 18:24), which is where we will pick up the narrative in Luke's gospel. At first light, he will then go to the council, or Sanhedrin.

In chapter 23, He will be brought before Pilate and then Herod, and then back to Pilate again who will sentence Him to death.

### I. The Abuse by the Soldiers (vs. 63 – 65)

Lost men are capable of all kinds of sick cruelties. They can sometime receive a kind of a sick gratification of abusing people. These soldiers were this way. They took pleasure in tormenting other human beings. They were fueled by Satan and driven crazy with a bloodlust that would only be quenched with the torturous death of an innocent human being.

The soldiers of Herod will take their turn at mocking him later on that day (John 19:1 – 3).

Jesus prophesied that He would be abused like this:

*"Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again."* (Matthew 20:18-19)

Peter gives the Lord as our example for when the time comes that we face persecution:

*"Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering*

*wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls." (1 Peter 2:18-25)*

## **II. The Accusations of the Sanhedrin (vs. 66 – 71)**

Jesus is completely aware of the futility of this encounter. If He answers them, they will not listen; so He doesn't try. He also knows that they will not be truthful with Him.

The "council" (συνέδριον – *synedrion*), or Sanhedrin condemns Jesus for blasphemy, which was punishable by death according to the Law (Leviticus 24:10 – 16); but the charge that will be given to Herod to get him put to death was that He was a threat to Caesar:

*"And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar." (John 19:12-15)*

Notice the reference in v. 69 to "the Son of man:"

*"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." (Daniel 7:13-14)*

Also - Jesus claim to sitting "on the right hand of the power of God." This was prophesied back in Psalm 110:

*"The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool." (Psalm 110:1)*

## **Conclusion**

### **A Contrast in the Character of Jesus and The Men Who Condemned Him**

**The religious leaders were OK with lying**

Are you OK with lying? Is it OK to lie if it brings about a desired outcome?

**The religious leaders were OK with ignoring their own laws.**

Trials were not supposed to be conducted in the middle of the night.

A man was not supposed to be tried and convicted for a capital offence on the same day.

Are you OK with picking and choosing the rules that you obey?

The religious leaders were filled with hate and violence. The Lord remained calm as they mocked Him and beat Him.

The carnal man has out of control passions:

*"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others."* (Ephesians 2:2-3)

*"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."* - (Galatians 5:19-24)

