

Sermon Notes

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THE JOURNEY

The Trials of Jesus

Matthew 26:55–57 (ESV)

A. The Religious Trials of Jesus (Jews) – Accusation of Blasphemy

1. Anna, the former High Priest
2. Caiaphas, the current High Priest
3. Sanhedrin

B. The Civil Trials of Jesus (Romans) – Accusation of Treason

1. Pilate
2. Herod
3. Pilate

12 Ways Jesus' Trials Were Illegal

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| 1. No formal charge was brought | 7. His trials were concluded on one day |
| 2. Trials were held at night | 8. He was condemned on a separate charge |
| 3. Judges brought charges without witnesses | 9. The merits of Jesus were not considered |
| 4. Charge was changed by the Jews when He was sent to the Romans | 10. Not all of the members of the Sanhedrin were present |
| 5. No witnesses were called on Jesus' behalf | 11. His sentence was pronounced at a location forbidden by Jewish law |
| 6. There were to be no trials held on a Jewish feast day | 12. Hostile judges were to recuse themselves |

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⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. ⁵⁶ But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

⁵⁷ Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered.