

# “RUSH TO JUDGMENT”

*(John 18:28-19:16, Luke 23:5-16, Matthew 27:15-18, Mark 3:6, 15:7, Romans 8:38-39)*

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*Gospel of John - Sermon 35*

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# INTRODUCTION

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Herodians



Pharisees

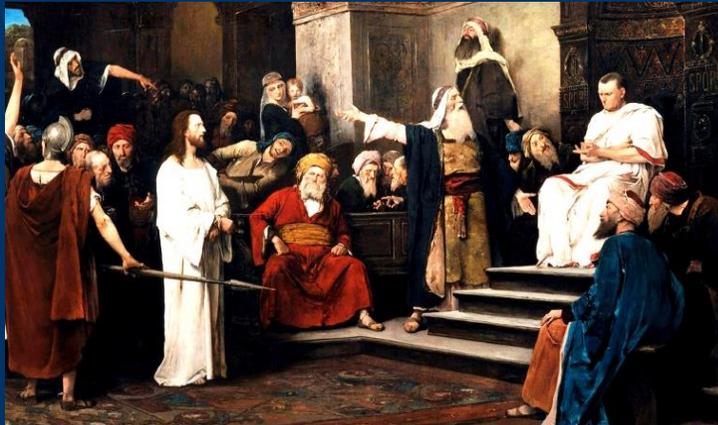
**Mk 3:6** *Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.*



# INTRODUCTION

We see how enemies join hands to annihilate Jesus.

*Pilate and Herod*



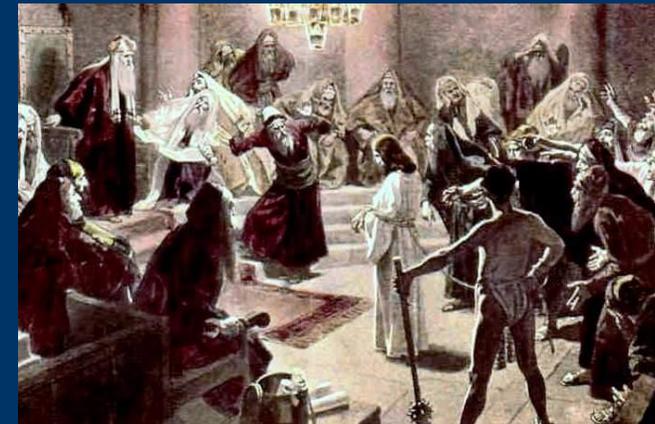
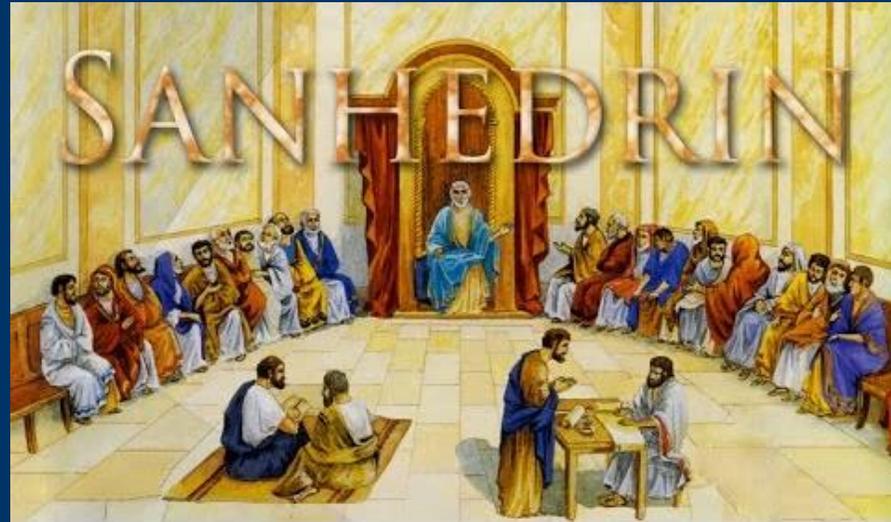
*Jews and Caesar*



# I. JESUS' TRIAL BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN

## Supreme Court of the Jews

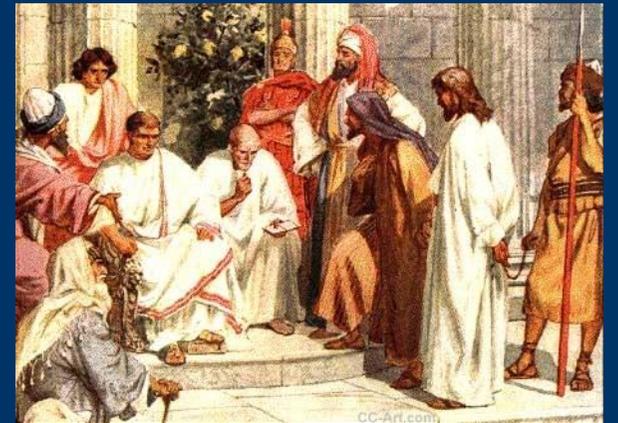
In probably the shortest of the six trials, lasting no more than twenty to thirty minutes, you will find only one thing - a rush to judgment.



# II. JESUS' TRIAL BEFORE PILATE

## A. Step one: **ACCUSATION**

***Jn 18:28** Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover.*

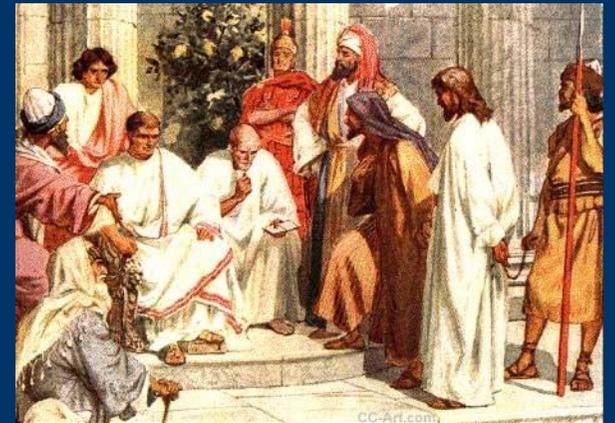


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## A. Step one: **ACCUSATION**

*Jn18:29* So Pilate came out to them and asked, "**What charges are you bringing against this man?**"

*30* "If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you."

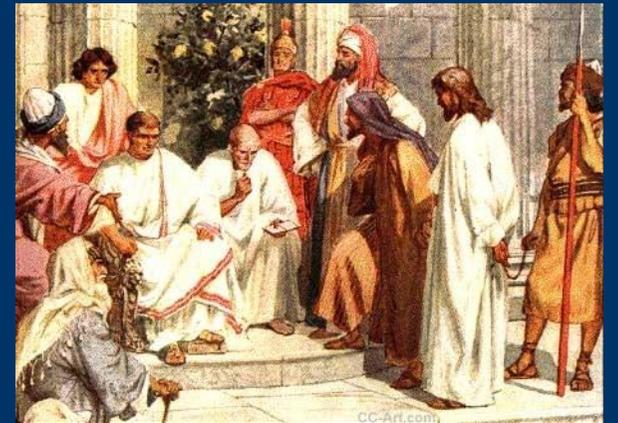


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## A. Step one: **ACCUSATION**

*Jn 18:31* Pilate said, **"Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law."** **"But we have no right to execute anyone,"** they objected.

**32** This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die.



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## B. Step two: **INTERROGATION**

*Jn 18:33* Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, **"Are you the king of the Jews?"**

*34* **"Is that your own idea,"** Jesus asked, **"or did others talk to you about me?"**

*35* **"Am I a Jew?"** Pilate replied. **"Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"**



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## C. Step three: **DEFENSE**

*Jn 18:36* Jesus said, **"My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."**

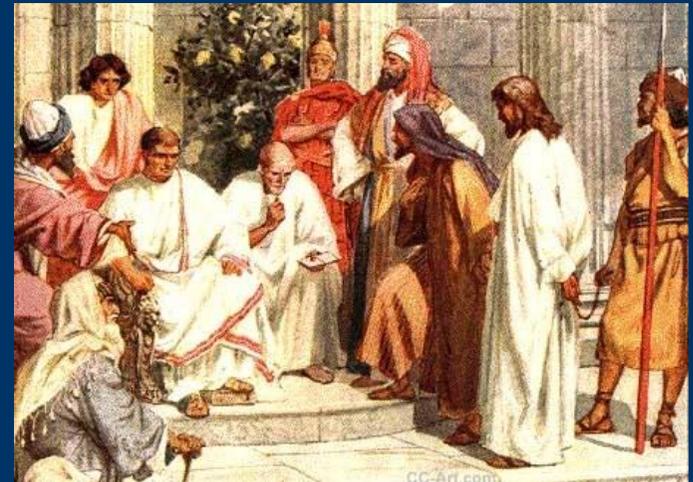
*37* **"You are a king, then!"** said Pilate. Jesus answered, **"You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."** *38a* **"What is truth?"** retorted Pilate.



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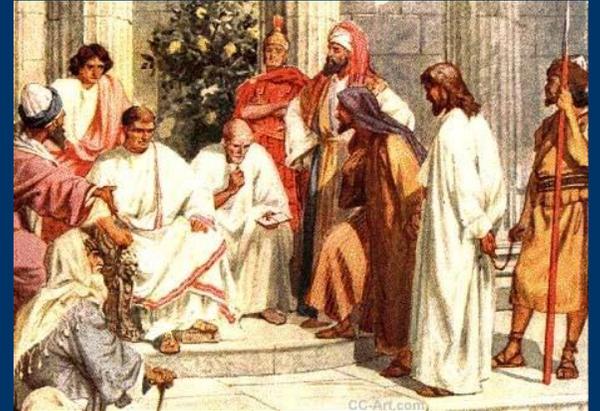
## D. Step four: **VERDICT**

*Jn 18:38b* With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, **"I find no basis for a charge against him."**



# III. JESUS' TRIAL BEFORE HEROD

*Lk 23:5* But they insisted, "He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here."

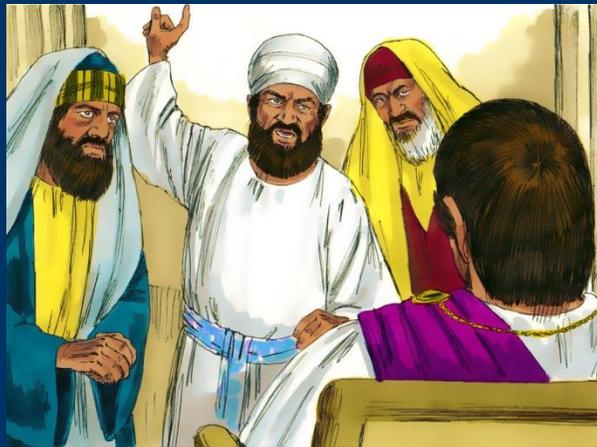
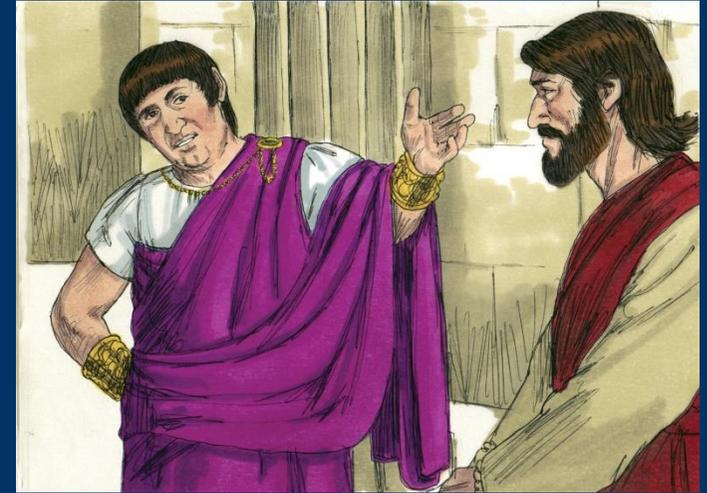


*Lk 23:6* On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean.

7 When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

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**Lk 23:8** *When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort.*

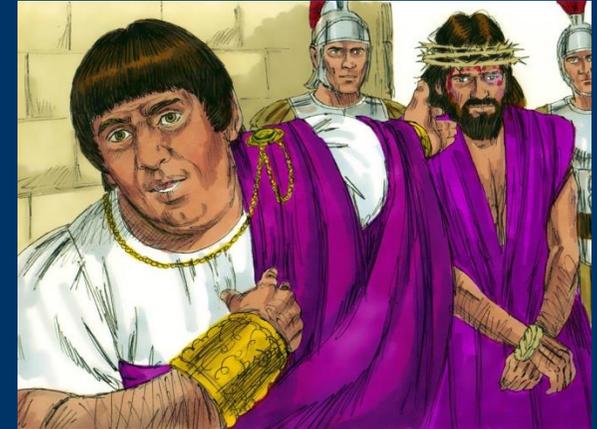
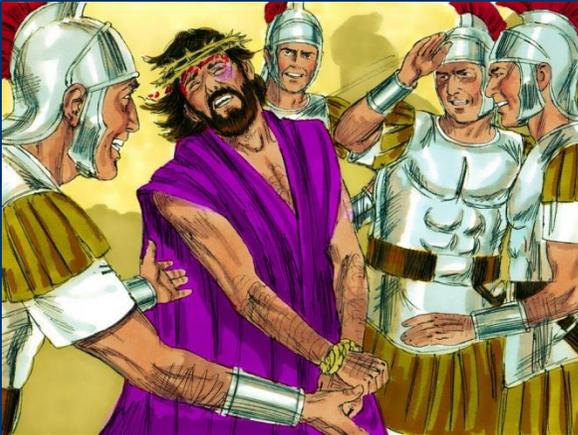


**9** *He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer.*

**10** *The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him.*

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*Lk 23:11* Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate.



*12* That day Herod and Pilate became friends — before this they had been enemies.

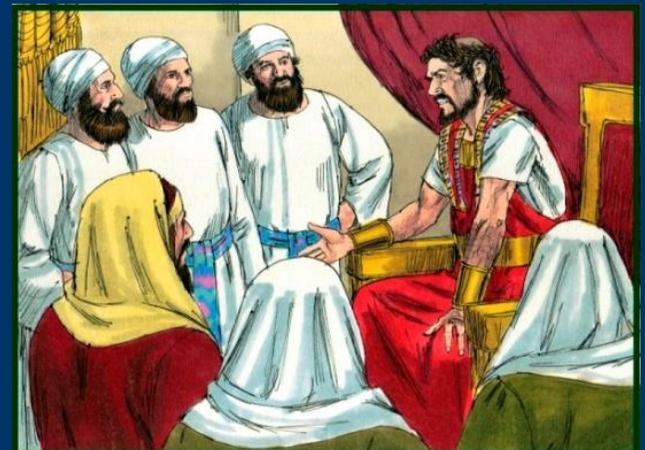
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## A. *Playing upon Sympathy*

*Lk 23:13 Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, **14** and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him.*

***15** Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death.*

***16** Therefore, I will punish him and then release him."*



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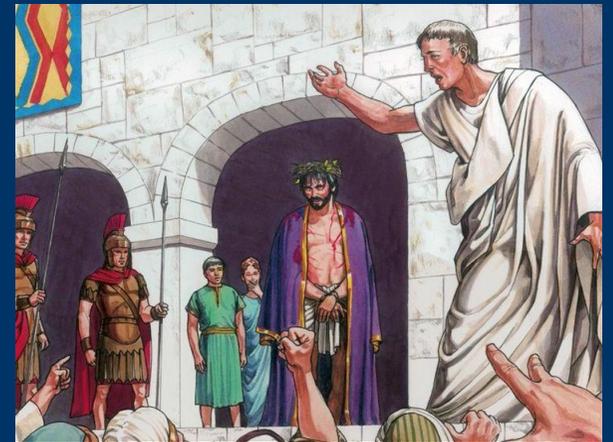
## *B. Bargaining with Barabbas*

**Mt 27:15** *Now it was the governor's custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd.*

**16** *At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Barabbas.*

**17** *So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, "**Which one do you want me to release to you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?**"*

**18** *For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.*



# IV. JESUS' TRIAL BEFORE PILATE

## *B. Bargaining with Barabbas*

### *Who is Barabbas?*

*Mk 15:7* A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising.



# IV. JESUS' TRIAL BEFORE PILATE

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*Jn 19:12* From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting, **"If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar."**

**13** When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha).



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**Jn 19:14** *It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon. "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.*

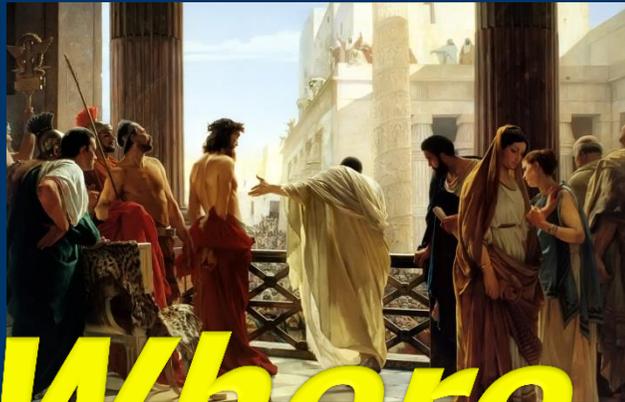


**15** *But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.*

**16** *Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.*

# CONCLUSION

The trials are officially over. The jury has rendered its verdict. And innocent blood is fast on its way to being shed.



*1. Pilate washes his hands.*

*2. The crowd cheers.*

*3. The disciples are nowhere to be found.*

***Where*** are you...

***when our Lord's life and reputation hang in the balance?***

*1. Do you duck down an alley and hide?*

*2. Do you join in with whatever the crowd is saying or doing?*

*3. Do you wash your hands of the whole thing, refusing to take a stand?*

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***Yet, He will never leave us ... or forsake us. And He will never allow anything or anyone to come between our relationship with Him.***

***Rom 8:38*** For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, **39** neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. How is it possible for enemies to become sudden allies?*
- 2. How does Luke 22:66-71 help us understand the gross injustice in the trial of Jesus by the Sanhedrin?*
- 3. What are the four Roman codes of criminal procedure? Was Jesus guilty of treason?*
- 4. Why did Herod and his soldiers ridicule, mock and dress Jesus in an elegant robe? What significance was it?*
- 5. Was Pilate guilty of shedding innocent blood when he handed Jesus over to the Jews to be crucified?*

*Scripture References:*



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