



Part 6: The Miscarriage of Justice

Introduction – Who Killed Christ?

The arrest... Luke 22:52; Mark 14:43; John 18:3

The precedent... Jeremiah 26:8

The prophecy... Matthew 20:17-19; Mark 10:32-34

Trials & Tribulations – The Cast of Characters

After his arrest, Jesus is...

- First taken to _____ (the former High Priest) for questioning.
- Sent to _____ (the High Priest) and the Great Sanhedrin.
- Taken to _____ for execution.
- Sent by Pilate to _____, governor of Galilee.
- Sent back to _____ where he is finally condemned.

TAKE OUT: We are wise to examine what hidden _____ drive our decisions.

Blind Justice – The Awe-full Irony

Matthew 26:47-27:2; Mark 14:43-15:1; Luke 22:47-23:1; John 18:1-28

IRONY #1: Though going to great lengths to call a night time tribunal, the trial of Jesus has already taken place without him.

Matthew 26:3-5; Mark 14:1-2; Luke 22:1-2; John 11:47-53

IRONY #2: Although physically bound before the Sanhedrin, Jesus is the one _____ man in that room.

John 18:24

IRONY #3: While accusing Jesus of wanting to destroy the _____ and claiming to have the power to rebuild it in three days, they are preparing to destroy Jesus, God's new _____ John 2:19-21

IRONY #4: Those judging Jesus will be _____ by Jesus. Exodus 34:5; Psalm 104:3; 110:1; Isaiah 19:1 & 4; Daniel 7:9-14

IRONY #5: While accusing Jesus of blasphemy, the High Priest is _____

IRONY #6: By _____ his robes, the High Priest is committing sacrilege, which he is trying to convict Jesus of. Genesis 37:34; 2 Samuel 1:11-12; Leviticus 10:6; 21:10

IRONY #7: While Jesus is clearly _____ himself (coming out of the messianic closet), Peter is _____ he does not know Jesus (going into the closet). Mark 14:71 (See Matthew 5:33-37)

IRONY #8: While Jesus is being taunted as a false _____ everything he prophesied is coming true. Matthew 16:21; 20:17-19; Mark 8:31; 10:32-34; Luke 9:22

TAKE OUT: God is at work in our lives – _____ your eyes!

Conclusion – Why Did Israel Miss Their King?

Matthew 23:27-28; Luke 19:41-44

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP ...

1. After briefly reviewing this week's message, share one thing that most challenged, convicted, puzzled, or encouraged you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. Read how Jesus spoke of his own death by crucifixion in John 3:14-15; 12:32-33; 13:31-32; 17:1-5. a) Which is your favourite verse? Why? b) What is an overall lesson we can draw from how Jesus views his own eventual torment and death? c) Which verses hint at Jesus' identity being more than merely human? d) What is the evangelistic significance of 12:32? e) In what ways is Jesus' crucifixion parallel to the serpent lifted up by Moses in the wilderness (Numbers 21:6-9; 2 Kings 18:4)? List as many parallels as you can.
3. Only if time permits, take 5 minutes for quiet personal meditation on Zechariah 6:11-13. Share what insights you discover there.

SO WHAT?...

4. Think carefully. In what ways might your own personal experience of Jesus be similar to the Israelites' experience of the bronze serpent in 2 Kings 18:4? What could you change in your life to help remove this tendency? Play for each other regarding this.

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