



Series: Unexpected Messiah
Passage Luke 23:13-17 John 19:1-15
Title: The SIX Illegal Trials of Jesus (Part 3)
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Discussion Starter – How do we as Christians stand for truth in the world we live in today?

The Sixth Illegal Trail Before Pilate (Luke 23:13-17)

- What were some of the things that had already transpired that enabled Pilate to know that Jesus was innocent?
- Instead of making a clear stand against this evil, how did Pilate try to wiggle out of taking a stand for truth and dismissing these false charges against Jesus?
- What happens when we as Christians are unwilling to take a stand for truth?
- What deception do we see taking place in our nation as a result of the people not willing to stand up for truth? Why do you think this has happened? Read Isaiah 5:20. What insights are gained from this verse?
- What do you think was the reasoning behind why Pilate had decided to chastise Jesus by scourging Him?
- Why do you think God allowed such a brutal beating and death by crucifixion of Jesus to fulfill the purpose of His dying for us? Could it not have fulfilled the law by having a less painful death?

The Sixth Illegal Trail Before Pilate (John 19:1-15)

- In John 19:8 it states that “Pilate was more afraid now”. What do you think caused him to be afraid? What question does he ask of Jesus?
- What do we learn about Pilate by how he reacts to Jesus remaining silent to his question?
- Summarize in your own words what Jesus’ final response is conveying to Pilate in John 19:11?
- The Chief Priests and officers used a final tactic to sway Pilate to condemn Jesus to be crucified. What was it and why do you think Pilate finally caved in?
- What are some of the pressures we face today that make us feel that we are in the same mess that Pilate was in? Knowing the truth but facing opposition or an angry crowd?
- What were some of the Ironies you see in the six illegal trials of Jesus? What is God showing us in these ironies and what should we learn from them?
- Why did Jesus willingly endure such radical injustice, pain and suffering?