



Series: Unexpected Messiah

Passage Matthew 26:47-68

Title: The SIX Illegal Trials of Jesus (Part 1)

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Discussion Starter – Why do you think Jesus endured these six illegal trials? What are some of the things you are learning about Jesus as He goes through these first two trails?

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus (Matthew 26:47-56)

- Read John 18:1-11. What additional insights about Jesus are being revealed in this account of Jesus' betrayal and arrest as compared to Matthew's version?
- What is the significance in the way we see Judas approach Jesus? What does that reveal about Judas?
- What do you think Judas' motivation was for being a disciple of Jesus for the past three years? Why do you think he betrayed Him now?
- How does Jesus respond to Judas in Matthew's account and what do you think He meant by what He said to Judas?
- Read Luke 22:47-53. What additional insights about Jesus are being revealed in this account of Jesus' betrayal and arrest as compared to Matthew's and John's versions?
- Why do you think Peter was bold enough to strike at the high priest's servant Malchus? How did Jesus respond to Peter's actions? What do you think Jesus was trying to show all parties here?

Jesus Faces Annas and Caiaphas (John 18:12-14, Matthew 26:57-68)

- Who was Annas and why did they first take Jesus to Him?
- Read Deuteronomy 16:18-20. What are some of the key components to God's system of justice that we see are still incorporated into our own constitutional justice system today?
- What were some of the illegal tactics revealed in these passages which were used by the religious council against Jesus? How did they contradict the proper judicial process?
- What accusation did they finally find that two witnesses agreed on? How did this compare to what was actually said by Jesus? Read John 2:18-21. What insights are gained from these verses as it applies to what Jesus actually said?
- Why didn't Jesus respond to any of their accusations? What finally gets Jesus to respond to one of their questions? What does Jesus say to the council and what was their reaction?