

**THE GOSPEL OF LUKE (2)**  
**Trial of Jesus**  
**Luke 22:66-23:26**

**I. THE TRIAL OF JESUS**

**A. Three Trials Before Leaders.**

1. Before Annas, Jn. 18:12-18.
  - a. 2 A.M. – father-in-law to Caiaphas.
    - i. He had been high priest, deposed in about 16A.D. by Roman procurator Valerius Gratus.
    - ii. The position of high priest was a “lifetime” position, Ex. 29:9.
  - b. First physical punishment.
    - i. Struck by an officer standing near.
    - ii. John 18:22
2. Before Caiaphas (high priest), Lk. 22:54a.
  - a. About 3 A.M. – with a quorum of the Sanhedrin (Council).
  - b. Upper room of the house of Caiaphas.
  - c. Not a legal meeting until sunrise.
  - d. Trying to find false testimony to accuse Jesus, Mt. 26:59-60.
    - i. Finally found false witness – destroy temple and rebuild.
    - ii. Unlawful under Jewish law, Dt. 19:15-17.
  - e. Slapped and beaten, Lk. 22:63-65.
3. Formal sentencing before Sanhedrin, Lk. 22:66-71.
  - a. About 5 A.M. – use of false witness.
  - b. Sitting at right hand of God, vs. 69.
  - c. Blasphemy.
4. Two purposes:
  - a. Formal confirmation of Jesus’ guilty plea.
  - b. To condemn to death.

**B. Trial Before Pilate, Luke 23:1-7.**

1. About 5:30 A.M. – Praetorium, official residence of Roman governor (Pilate).
2. Completely different charges:
  - a. Stirs up the people by teaching.
  - b. Opposes payment of taxes.
  - c. Claims to be a king.
  - d. Pilate finds Jesus innocent.
3. Sends to Herod who is in Jerusalem, Lk. 23:8-12.
  - a. Looking for miracles by Jesus.
  - b. No answer is given by Jesus – not guilty.
  - c. Mocked, dressed in robe, returned to Pilate.
  - d. Pilate and Herod, friends that day.
4. Pilate finds no basis for charges, Lk. 23:13-25.
  - a. Will punish and let go.
  - b. “Release Barabbas!”
  - c. Had Jesus flogged, turned over to soldiers.
    - i. Scourge whip.

- ii. Acorn shaped balls of lead and sharp pieces of bone.

## II. A CLOSER LOOK AT THE PEOPLE.

### A. The Jewish Leaders.

- 1. Only one motive – Envy, Mt. 27:18.
- 2. Taking away their authority.
- 3. Opposing their teaching.

**\*\* 4. *Gets in the way of our plans.***

- a. Acts 20:29-30
- b. Romans 16:17-18

### B. Pilate.

- 1. Out for the truth.
- 2. John 18:38, “What is truth?”
- 3. Doing the Jews a favor.
- 4. No backbone against crowd pressure.

**\*\* 5. *Wanting to know truth, but falling to the pressures of the world.***

- a. Matthew 13:20-21

### C. Herod.

- 1. Wanted to see a great miracle.
- 2. To be entertained by this man.
- 3. Not for knowing truth.

**\*\* 4. *Wanting to be “moved by the Spirit.”***

- a. 2 Tim. 3:5; 4:3-4

### D. Crowd.

- 1. Going along with the trend.
- 2. Persuaded by the leaders, Mt. 27:2.
- 3. Just caught up with the mob.

**\*\* 4. *So hard to buck against the crowd.***

- a. 2 Timothy 2:4
- b. James 4:4

### E. Soldiers.

- 1. No concern for truth or the man.
- 2. Doing a job.
- 3. More of a source of aggravation.

**\*\*4. *Those in the world, whole purpose is to put down and destroy.***

- a. They don’t understand.
- b. Neither do they want to.
- c. Philippians 3:18-19
- d. Ephesians 4:17-19