

The Arrest and Trials of Jesus

The arrest

- ▶ Judas offers to deliver Jesus to the Jews
- ▶ A great crowd
 - Temple guard
 - Roman garrison – armed Cohort (400-600 men)
 - High Priest's servants and other Jewish officers
- ▶ A plan – arrest and execute Jesus
 - Kiss of Judas
 - Looking for “Jesus of Nazareth”
 - Jesus' reply: “I AM”
 - Jesus intercedes for His disciples
 - Jesus' intent to drink the cup
 - No human deliverance
 - No Divine deliverance

The interview with Annas

- ▶ Pretender High Priest
- ▶ A fishing expedition
- ▶ An open record

Peter's first denial

- ▶ First cock crowing
- ▶ Second denial

The examination before Caiaphas and the Council

- ▶ Initial interview before Caiaphas
- ▶ Second interview before Sanhedrin
- ▶ Conclusion: blasphemy

The arrest and trials of Jesus (continued)

Peter's third denial

Judas returns the money and hangs himself

The first examination before Pilate

- ▶ No accusation but request for crucifixion
- ▶ Is He the King of the Jews?
- ▶ Jesus' Kingdom
- ▶ Jesus and the Truth
- ▶ Conclusion: Jesus is innocent.
- ▶ Pilate sent Jesus to Herod

The interview with Herod

- ▶ The silence of Jesus
- ▶ The abuse of Jesus
- ▶ Jesus sent back to Pilate without a verdict

The second examination before Pilate

- ▶ No guilt
- ▶ Jesus or Barabbas
- ▶ Jesus is tortured
- ▶ Jewish pressure – claim of deity
- ▶ Jesus asserts authority over Pilate
- ▶ Pilate seeks to release Him
- ▶ Jewish pressure – claim of rival to Caesar
- ▶ Pilate washed his hands and caved
- ▶ Jesus delivered over for crucifixion

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John 18

The Arrest

- ▶ Judas procured a band of soldiers . . .
- ▶ Sovereign submission
 - John 17:1 – the hour has come
 - “I AM”
 - Keeping the disciples
 - Sheathing the sword
 - Accepting the cup from the Father

Examination by Annas

- ▶ A pretender in the role of spiritual leader
- ▶ A political decision
- ▶ A fishing expedition
- ▶ An open ministry
- ▶ An unanswered challenge

Denials by Peter

- ▶ “Without me, ye can do nothing” (15:5)

Pilate

No accusation

The Jewish plan – crucifixion of Jesus

Pilate's private examination of Jesus

- He is looking for a capital crime
- Pilate on trial
- “Are you the King of the Jews?”
- Jesus questions Pilate
- Pilate professes ignorance

Jesus preaches the Gospel:

- A Kingdom that is not of this world
- A Witness to the Truth

Pilate is a post modern pagan

Post modernism

“Duke Ellington is dead. I don't have to believe it if I don't want to.” - Alistair Cooke

“Postmodernism” is a word which simply sums up the way much of the world thinks today. It includes this viewpoint: There is no objective absolute truth. “Truth” is what you believe it to be. Something can be “true for you, but not true for me.” (<http://guide.gospelcom.net/resources/modern.php>)

Christ is the Truth

- ▶ John 1:14, 17 – full of grace and truth
- ▶ John 4:23-24 – worship in spirit and in truth
- ▶ John 8:32 – the truth shall make you free

John M. Barry: “If a society . . . believes it *knows* the truth and that it need not question its beliefs, then that society is more likely to enforce rigid decrees, and less likely to change. If it leaves room for doubt about the truth, it is more likely to be free and open.”

Denial of Truth is denial of Christ and His Kingdom

- ▶ Pilate knew the truth – Jesus was innocent
- ▶ Pilate in bondage to sin and spiritual ignorance
 - He preferred a robber over Christ
 - He acted out of perceived self interest

**We beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten
of the Father, full of grace and truth.**

(John 1:14)