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--The Personnel

Annas   Greedy, serpent-like, vindictive
Caiaphas Rude, sly, hypocritical
Pilate   Crafty, superstitious, self-seeking
Herod   Immoral, ambitious, superficial

--The Proceedings

1. The *arrest* of Jesus was effected as a result of a bribe.

2. No *trial* for life was allowed during the night. No trial *conviction* was allowed at night. Executing a *sentence* on a feast day was against Jewish regulations.

3. Jesus was asked to *inriminate* Himself.

4. Jewish lad forbade a sentence of death to be pronounced until the day *after* the accused had been convicted.
The Seven Words of Christ from the Cross

Matthew and Mark

“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

Luke

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

“Assuredly, I say to you, ‘Today you shall be with Me in Paradise.’”

“Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.”

John

“Woman, behold your son! . . . . . “Behold your mother!”

“I thirst.”

“It is finished.”
The Role of the Jewish Leaders in the Death of Christ

(9:1ff “This Man blasphemes!”)

26:4 Devised the plot against Christ.
   :14 Paid the blood money for betrayal by Judas.
   :47 Their officers are involved in the arrest of Jesus.
   :59 Sought false witnesses against Jesus at the Jewish “trial,” in order to execute Him.
   :66 Condemned Christ as worthy of death.
   :67 Spit on Him, beat Him with fists, slapped Him around, mocked Him.

27:1 Betrayed Him to Roman authorities.
   (Delivered Him to the Gentiles.)
   :12 Accused Him of wrongdoing to Pilate
   :20 Stirred up and persuaded the people to call for the release of Barabbas rather than for Christ.
   :23 Intimidated Pilate to crucify the Lord.
   :41 Mocked the Sinless One as He hung on the cross.
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The Time

The Personnel

The Betrayal—cf. 20:17-19

Judas (Betrayer # 1) Commits Suicide Matthew 27:3-10

The remorse of Judas

The sad confession

What did Judas lack?

The response of the Jewish religious leaders

A desperate act of a desperate man

The fulfillment of prophecy
Jesus Before Pilate

“Are You the King of the Jews?”

The People’s Choice

“Barabbas or Christ”

Pilate’s indecision

Pilate’s weak leadership v. 24

Pilate’s erroneous theology

“What can wash away my sin?”

The people’s foolish vow

Jesus is scourged
Gentiles Mocking the King Matthew 27:27-31

Encircling the Savior

The Royal Robe

The Royal Crown

The Royal Scepter

The Mocking Posture

The Mocking Words

The Despicable Physical Treatment

Mocking on the Cross Matthew 27:32-44

Bearing the cross

Fulfilling prophecy

Watching the spectacle

The accusation

Three crosses

The blasphemous mocking
Death of the King  Matthew 27:45-56

The dark hours

The cry from the cross

Christ’s final act

The accompanying phenomena

The Burial of the King  Matthew 27:57-61

Two council members
Cf. John 19:38ff

Guarding the Tomb  Matthew 27:62-66

Foolish man’s futile endeavor
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Progressive Predictions of Christ’s Passion

Matthew 16:21  

1. Go to Jerusalem

2. Suffer many things  from religious leaders

3. Be killed

4. Be raised the third day

Matthew 17:9-12  

Imminency

“is about to suffer” (v. 12)

Matthew 17:22-23  

Betrayal # 1

(--by Judas)  
(--to Jewish religious leaders)

Matthew 20:17-19  

Betrayal # 2

--by Jewish religious leaders  
--to Gentiles

Mocking

Scourging

Crucifixion