

## **JESUS' TRIAL** / *Luke 22:71*

Jesus' trial was actually a series of hearings, carefully controlled to accomplish the death of Jesus. The verdict was predecided, but certain "legal" procedures were necessary. A lot of effort went into condemning and crucifying an innocent man. Jesus went through an unfair trial in our place so that we would not have to face a fair trial and receive the well-deserved punishment for our sins.

| <b>Event</b>                                   | <b>Probable Reasons</b>                                                                      | <b>References</b>                                                     |
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| Trial before Annas (powerful ex-high priest)   | Although no longer the high priest, he may still have wielded much power                     | John 18:13-23                                                         |
| Trial before Caiaphas (the ruling high priest) | To gather evidence for the full high council hearing to follow                               | Matthew 26:57-68<br>Mark 14:53-65<br>Luke 22:54, 63-65<br>John 18:24  |
| Trial before the high council (Sanhedrin)      | Formal religious trial and condemnation to death                                             | Matthew 27:1<br>Mark 15:1<br>Luke 22:66-71                            |
| Trial before Pilate (highest Roman authority)  | All death sentences needed Roman approval                                                    | Matthew 27:2, 11-14<br>Mark 15:1-5<br>Luke 23:1-6<br>John 18:28-38    |
| Trial before Herod (ruler of Galilee)          | A courteous and guilt-sharing act by Pilate because Jesus was from Galilee, Herod's district | Luke 23:7-12                                                          |
| Trial before Pilate                            | Pilate's last effort to avoid condemning an obviously innocent man                           | Matthew 27:15-26<br>Mark 15:6-15<br>Luke 23:13-25<br>John 18:39-19:16 |