

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE LIFE OF JESUS

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PART 16: ARREST & TRIAL

JESUS IS ARRESTED

Judas Iscariot arrived with a detachment of soldiers from the High Priest temple guards sometime between Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. As they approached Jesus and his apostles, Judas approached the Son of God and kissed Him on the cheek, allowing the soldiers to easily identify Jesus. **Matthew 26:47-49**

It must have been difficult for Jesus to allow Judas to kiss Him, knowing that Judas had betrayed Him for 30 pieces of silver. **Matthew 26:14-16**

Jesus had spent 3.5 years with Judas during which he had been given power to preach the kingdom of God, healed the sick, cast out demons, and now he was simply a cheap traitor. Jesus did not rip into Judas, but merely asked why Judas had come to betray Him with a kiss. **Matthew 26:50; Luke 22:48**

At that moment the soldiers quickly took control of Jesus; Peter used a sword in the tumult and slashed at Malchus, an official of the High Priest, cutting off his ear. **John 18:10**

Jesus took control of the situation and told the apostles to put away their swords. The Son of God had a personal bodyguard of 72,000 holy angels, who were ready to fall upon the soldiers at a moment's notice and take Jesus back to heaven. This was not to be since the time for Him to be sacrificed had arrived. **Matthew 26:52-54**

Jesus performed one last healing before the cross. He restored the fallen ear to Malchus, the man in charge of the soldiers who had come to arrest Jesus. **Luke 22:50-51**

Then Jesus addressed Malchus and the soldiers, scolding them for having come in the middle of the night to arrest the Son of God. **Matthew 26:55**

Jesus knew full well that the High Priest and his leadership feared the people and dared not arrest him during the day when He was surrounded by thousands of followers. **Matthew 21:45-46; Luke 22:2-6**

The apostles panicked and fled when they realized Jesus was not going to fight the soldiers. **Matthew 26:56**

The disciples failed to understand that Jesus had to suffer for the sins of mankind. This part of God's plan was hidden and Jesus did not open their eyes to the truth until later because otherwise Satan would have made sure that Jesus died safe and secure of old age. **Luke 24:13-32; 1 Corinthians 2:7-8**



KANGAROO COURT

The Devil had been waiting to get Jesus into the court of the Sanhedrin. Members of this court were possessed with powerful demons. There were only three men that Satan did not fully control.

- ❖ Nicodemus – **John 3:1-12**
- ❖ Joseph of Arimathaea – **Mark 15:43; Luke 23:50-51**
- ❖ Gamaliel – **Acts 5:34-40**

We know the Sanhedrin was possessed by demons because Jesus had plainly stated that the Jews had been taken over by the Devil. **John 8:44**

The same holds true today for anyone that denies that Jesus is the Son of God. They are also possessed by the spirit of the Antichrist. **1 John 4:1-3**

My personal belief is that Satan was present at the High Priest's compound with high ranking fallen angels who in turn controlled the demons in the council members. **1 Corinthians 2:7-8**

PETER DENYING JESUS

There was the incident with the apostle Peter before the proceedings of the Sanhedrin began. While all the other apostles fled, Peter followed the soldiers who had taken Jesus at a distance, and once he came to the compound, he sat down among the crowd to observe what would happen. **Matthew 26:58; Luke 22:55**

A young unmarried woman accused Peter of being one of Jesus' disciples. **Matthew 26:69-70**

Peter moved to a different location and was again confronted by a woman. **verses 71-72**

The Jews living in the province of Galilee had a different dialect than the Jews in Judea. A man standing next to Peter heard him speak and confirmed that Peter must be a disciple of Jesus. This time the Devil got to him and Peter began to curse and swear his denial. **verses 73-74**

At that moment Jesus made eye contact with Peter and he remembered the prediction made by Jesus hours before. **Luke 22:61**

Peter quickly left the compound and began to weep bitterly over his weakness, his lying and his betrayal. **verse 62**

THE SANHEDRIN TRIAL

The High Priest Caiaphas had ordered all the members of the Sanhedrin to come to his compound in advance in order to make sure they could hold the trial and condemn Jesus before six o'clock in the morning. Speed was of essence if they wanted Jesus quickly brought before the Roman governor and before the common people got up and learned what happened to Jesus. **Matthew 26:57**

Caiaphas and his co-conspirators sought people who were willing to falsely testify against Jesus and they had a hard time finding anyone who was willing to lie under

oath. Eventually two men told the High Priest they would testify against Jesus. **verses 59-60**

Jesus had spoken about the temple of Jerusalem and how it would be destroyed. This prophecy was fulfilled in 70 A.D., some 36 years after Jesus had spoken. **Matthew 24:1-2**

On another occasion Jesus told the disciples that His physical body would be rise in three days if it was destroyed. **John 2:18-21**

The two false witnesses combined these statements and accused Jesus of destroying the physical temple and rebuilding it within three days. **Matthew 26:61**

Caiaphas was grasping at straws because Jesus had done nothing but good for 3.5 years and the people held Him in high esteem. Caiaphas demanded that Jesus respond to the absurd accusations of these dishonest men. Jesus chose to say nothing. **verse 62**

Caiaphas changed tactics and invoked an oath when he swore by the living God that Jesus had to tell them if he was the Messiah and the Son of God. The Jews at that time vehemently rejected the idea of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. **verse 63**

This time Jesus responded and told them that He was indeed the Messiah and Son of God. **verse 64**

THE VERDICT

Caiaphas and the rest of the members of the Sanhedrin were Kabbalistic/Talmudic Jews who had totally disregarded Isaiah's prophecies concerning the Messiah, nor did they pay any attention Psalm 2 that men ought to kiss the Son of God. **Psalm 2:1-12**

According to the Kabbalah and the Talmud, Jesus made Himself equal with God and this blasphemy was punishable by death. **Matthew 26:65-66**

Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin had a problem since Roman law not give them autonomy to execute criminals. Caiaphas was counting on the fact that he could persuade Pilate to do the killing for them. **John 18:28-32**

THE MOCKING

The Roman government office in Jerusalem did not open until 6:00 AM so the High Priest and his cohorts had time on their hands. They were seething with anger towards Jesus because he had eluded them for 3.5 years. Satan, his fallen angels and the evil spirits enjoyed themselves when they saw their Creator and Judge being severely tormented. **Matthew 26:67-68; Luke 22:63-65; Mark 14:65; Isaiah 50:6**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?