

JESUS WAS TRIED AND CONDEMNED IN OUR PLACES

Luke 22:66-23:25

Key Verse: 23:25

“He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.”

1. Who interrogated Jesus and what was their purpose (66-67a; 19:47)? What did Jesus know about them (67b-68; 9:22; 18:31-33)?
2. What does Jesus’ answer reveal about his identity, hope, and sense of victory (69; 20:42-43)? How did they use his answer as a basis to accuse him (70a)? How did Jesus respond and what was the result (70b-71)?
3. What different charge did they bring against Jesus before Pilate (23:1-2)? What did Pilate ask and what does Jesus’ answer mean (3; Jn 18:36-37)? Why did Pilate find no basis for a charge against Jesus (4)?
4. How did Pilate try to avoid responsibility (5-7)? How was Jesus treated in Herod’s custody (8-12)? What do the judgments of Herod and Pilate show about Jesus innocence (13-16)?
5. What did the crowd demand (17-19)¹? Why did Pilate surrender Jesus to their will (20-24)? Read verse 25. What result did this have on Barabbas and on Jesus? How does innocent Jesus being condemned relate to us (2Co 5:21; 1Pe 2:24)?

¹ For Luke 23:17, some manuscripts repeat Matthew 27:15, which reads, “Now it was the governor’s custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd.”