

**Series "Behold Your King"
"Are You The Son Of God?"
Matthew 26:57-68
Part-112**

1 Pet. 2:4

John 1:11-12

- 1. Verses 57-58 – The High Priest Before Jesus**
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1. Verses 57-58 – The High Priest Before Jesus:

Matt 26:56

Jesus actually endured six different trials. Three of them were Ecclesiastical (Religious), and three were Civil.

1. Examination by Annas. John 18:12-24

John 18:13

Annas - served as high priest from A.D. 6 to A.D. 15

John 18:23

2. Caiaphas Holds Court. Matt 26:57
3. The Sanhedrin Sentences the Savior to Death. Matthew 27:1
4. Jesus is Presented to Pilate. This is recorded by all four gospels (Matthew 27:11-31; Mark 15:1-15; Luke 23:1-5; John 18:28-40).
5. Jesus has a Hearing with Herod. This is only recorded in Luke 23:6-12
6. Jesus is Sentenced to Death by Pilate. Matthew 27:26-31

Matt 26:57

Both Annas and Caiaphas were Sadducees - which meant they did not believe in the resurrection, the spirit world, or the authority of any of the Old Testament except the five Books of Moses.

Mark 11:18

John 11:50-51

Isa. 53:6

Caiaphas, who was supposed to be the spiritual leader of Israel.

Matt 26:58

2. Verses 59-66 – The False Witnesses Of Jesus:

Mark 14:1

Isa. 8:20

There were many violations of the law that were committed.

1. The hearing was at the High Priest's resident. (Must be held in the hall of the temple.)
2. The hearing was to be held during the day. (This was about 3:00 A.M.)
3. The hearing was not to be held on holiday or festival. (This was during Passover.)
4. The purpose of the hearing was not to condemn, but to see if there were legitimate charges. (They wanted to condemn and bring death.)
5. If death was decided, they would wait one day. (They tried and executed the same day.)

Matt 26:60

Deuteronomy 19:16-21

Matt 26:61

John 2:19-21

Matt 27:62-63

Matt 26:62

high priest stood up. This standing up of the High Priest indicated that a verdict had been reached.

1 Peter 2:21-23

Matt 26:63

Isaiah 53:7.

The Penalty for Despising God's Word is a Silent Christ. "Deaf Ears Make a Silent Christ!"

And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God; Literally, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God" Lev 19:12; Num 30:2

the Son of God." Jesus had debated this and used Psalm 82:6 in John 10:34-36

Matt 26:64

Jesus said to him, "You have said it yourself; This is saying, "Yes, you have said who I am."

Psalm 110:1 and Daniel 7:13-14

Matt 26:65

saying, "He has blasphemed! To speak against God, to rail at God"

Matt 26:66

They, the Scribes, were the masters of the OT; they should begin to investigate the charges in light of Scripture.

They, the Elders, were in charge of the defense of anyone in danger of being put to death.

1. The Messiah was to have been born in Bethlehem, and Jesus was: (Micah 5:2; Luke 2:1-7)
2. The Messiah was to be born, and Jesus was born of Mary, who was a virgin at the time: (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:24, 25; Luke 1:26-30)
3. The Messiah was to be of David's line, and Jesus was descended from King David: (2 Sam. 7:12, 16; Isa. 11:1-2; Matt 1:1-16; Luke 3:23-37)
4. The Messiah was to be preceded by a figure like Elijah, and John the Baptist filled that role: (Mal. 3:1; 4:5; Matt. 17:12-13; John 1:19-23)

5. The Messiah was to do many great works, and Jesus had performed the works that had been prophesied: (Isa. 61:1-2; Matt. 11:1-6; Luke 4:16-21)
6. The Messiah was to make a public entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey, and Jesus had done this just a few days before: (Zech. 9:9; Matt. 21:1-11)
7. The Messiah was to be betrayed by a close friend, and Jesus was so betrayed: (Psalm 41:9; Matt. 26:14-15; 27:3-8)
8. The Messiah was to be despised and rejected by His people and to be familiar with suffering, and Jesus was: (Isa. 53:2-3)

The Son of God; The Old Testament contains the fact that God would take on flesh.

1. The OT describes precisely the kind of unique Son of God Jesus claimed to be: (Psalm 2:7; Isa. 9:6)
2. The OT speaks of God becoming flesh: (Isa. 7:14)
3. The OT contains passages in which Jehovah is said to have appeared among men: (Gen. 16:13; 18:13,17, 26; Dan. 3:25)

3. Verses 67-68 – The Assault Of Jesus:

Is. 50:6

Matt 26:68

Application:

1. The Christian's response should be praise and worship because Jesus would endure all this contempt for the likes of us:
2. The Penalty for Despising God's Word is a Silent Christ. "Deaf Ears Make a Silent Christ!"
3. How hard the human heart can become that we could so lie against the truth that we would have the Son of God murdered so we could continue to live as we please.
4. As followers of Jesus we should also expect and be prepared to be mocked and have false reports made concerning us, because we belong to Jesus, not the world.