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# MATTHEW

## JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

**Trial 2: Condemned for Being the Messiah**  
**Matthew 26:57, 59–68; Mark 14:53, 55–65;**  
**Luke 22:54, 63–65**

# **Jesus' Six Trials**

## **Religious Trials**

**Before Annas — John 18:12–14**

**Before Caiaphas — Matthew 26:57–68**

**Before the Sanhedrin — Matthew 27:1–2**

## **Criminal Trials**

**Before Pilate — John 18:28–38**

**Before Herod — Luke 23:6–12**

**Before Pilate — John 18:39–19:6**

**1 Pet. 3:18, “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,”**

**Rule 1: There was to be no arrest by religious authorities that was effected by a bribe.**

**Rule 2: No steps of criminal proceedings were to occur after sunset.**

**Rule 3: Judges or members of the Sanhedrin were not allowed to participate in an arrest.**

**Rule 4: There were to be no trials before the morning sacrifice.**

**Rule 5: There were to be no secret trials, only public.**

**Matt 26:57, “And those who had laid hold of Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.”**

**συνάγω *sunagō* aor**

**pass indic 3 plur**

**“to gather, bring together; compile”**

**The verb counterpart to the noun “synagogue”**

**Matt. 26:64, “Jesus said to him, ‘It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.’ ”**

**John 18:14, “Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.”**



Joseph ben Caiaphas



**John 11:49, “And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, ‘You know nothing at all,**

**John 11:50, “ ‘nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish.’**

**John 11:51, “Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation,”**

# **The Second Trial: Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin**

**Matt. 26:57, “And those who had laid hold of Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.**

**Matt. 26:58, “But Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest’s courtyard. And he went in and sat with the servants to see the end.”**

**Mark 14:53, “And they led Jesus away to the high priest; and with him were assembled all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes.”**

**Luke 22:54, “Having arrested Him, they led Him and brought Him into the high priest’s house. But Peter followed at a distance.”**

**Matt. 26:59, “Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council [Sanhedrin] sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death,”**

# **The Sanhedrin was comprised of 71 members:**

- 24 seats went to the chief priests (Sadducees);**
- 24 seats went to the elders (Pharisees);**
- 22 seats went to the scribes (Pharisees);**
  
- 1 seat to the high priest (a Sadducee).**

**Matt. 26:60, “but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward,”**

**Mark 14:55, “Now the chief priests and all the council sought testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none.”**

**Matt. 26:61, “and said, ‘This fellow said, “I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.” ’ ”**

**Mark 14:58, “We heard Him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.’ ”**

**John 2:19, “Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’**

**John 2:20, “Then the Jews said, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?’**

**John 2:21, “But He was speaking of the temple of His body.**

**John 2:22, “Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.”**

**Deut. 19:15, “One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.”**

**Deut. 19:16, “If a false witness rises against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing,**

**Deut. 19:17, “then both men in the controversy shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days.**

**Deut. 19:18, “And the judges shall make careful inquiry, and indeed, if the witness is a false witness, who has testified falsely against his brother,**

**Deut. 19:19, “then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother; so you shall put away the evil from among you.”**

**Matt. 26:61, “and said, ‘This fellow said, “I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.” ’ ”**

**Mark 14:58, “We heard Him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.’ ”**

**Matt. 26:62, “And the high priest arose and said to Him, ‘Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?’”**

**Matt. 26:63, “But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, ‘I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!’ ”**

**Matt. 26:64, “Jesus said to him, ‘It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.’”**

**Matt. 26:65, “Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, ‘He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy!’”**

**Matt 26:64b, “hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.”**

**Dan. 7:13, “I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.**

**Dan. 7:14, “Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.”**

**Matt. 26:65, “Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, ‘He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy!’ ”**

**Lev. 21:10, “He who is the high priest among his brethren, on whose head the anointing oil was poured and who is consecrated to wear the garments, shall not uncover his head nor tear his clothes;”**

**Matt. 26:66, “ ‘What do you think?’ They answered and said, ‘He is deserving of death.’**

**Matt. 26:67, “Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands,**

**Matt. 26:68, “saying, ‘Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?’ ”**

# **The Third Trial, Matt. 27:1–2**

**Matt. 27:1, “When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death:**

**Matt. 27:2, “And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.”**