

“Jesus on Trial, part 2”

Selected Scriptures

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*“So Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest”
(John 18:24)*

1. Jesus is falsely accused

*“Now the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death. They did not find any, even though many false witnesses came forward.”
(Matthew 26:59-60)*

“For many were giving false testimony against Him, but their testimony was not consistent.” (Mark 14:56)

2. Caiaphas’ authority is intentionally misused

“The high priest stood up and said to Him, ‘Do You not answer?’...But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, ‘I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God’ ” (Matthew 26:62-63)

3. Jesus is physically abused

“Some began to spit at Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him with their fists, and to say to Him, ‘Prophecy!’ And the officers received Him with slaps in the face” (Mark 14:65)

“From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day” (Matthew 16:21)

“I gave My back to those who strike Me, and My cheeks to those who pluck out My beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting” (Isaiah 50:6)

Jesus Before Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin

Those who had seized Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together. Now the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death. They did not find any, even though many false witnesses came forward but their testimony was not consistent. But later on two came forward, and said “We heard Him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.’” Not even in this respect was their testimony consistent.

The high priest stood up and came forward and questioned Jesus, saying, “Do You not answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?” But Jesus kept silent and did not answer. Again the high priest was questioning Him, saying “I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God.” Jesus said to him, “I am;” You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, *“But from now on you will see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND of the power OF GOD, and COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.”* And they all said, *“Are You the Son of God, then?”* And He said to them, *“Yes, I am.”*

Then the high priest tore his robes and said, *“He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy; what do you think?”* They all answered, *“we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth. He deserves death!”* Then they spat in His face and blindfolded Him, and beat Him in the face with their fists; and others slapped Him, *were mocking Him* and said, *“Prophecy to us, You Christ; who is the one who hit You?”* And they were saying many other things against Him, *blaspheming*. Now when morning came, the chief priests with the elders and scribes and the whole Sanhedrin, immediately held a consultation; and binding Jesus, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate.

bold=Matthew 26-27; underline=Mark 14-15; italics=Luke 22