

The Trial of God

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The Submission of God

Matthew 26:57 And those who had seized Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together.

⁵⁸ But Peter also was following Him at a distance as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and entered in, and sat down with the officers to see the outcome.

⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, in order that they might put Him to death;

⁶⁰ and they did not find *any*, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on two came forward,

⁶¹ and said, "This man stated, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild it in three days.'"

⁶² And the high priest stood up and said to Him, "Do You make no answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?"

The Supremacy of God

⁶³ 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."

⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, "You have said it *yourself*; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his robes, saying, "He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy;

⁶⁶ what do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death!"

⁶⁷ Then they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him,

⁶⁸ and said, "Prophecy to us, You Christ; who is the one who hit You?"

The Faithfulness of God

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a certain servant-girl came to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean."

⁷⁰ But he denied *it* before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about."

⁷¹ And when he had gone out to the gateway, another *servant-girl* saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

⁷² And again he denied *it* with an oath, "I do not know the man."

⁷³ And a little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Surely you too are *one* of them; for the way you talk gives you away."

⁷⁴ Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know the man!" And immediately a cock crowed.

⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, "Before a cock crows, you will deny Me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

27:1 Now when morning had come, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death;

² and they bound Him, and led Him away, and delivered Him up to Pilate the governor.

The Sorrow of God

³ Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

⁴ saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See *to that* yourself!"

⁵ And he threw the pieces of silver into the sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself.

⁶ And the chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the temple treasury, since it is the price of blood."

⁷ And they counseled together and with the money bought the Potter's Field as a burial place for strangers.

⁸ For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

⁹ Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one whose price had been set by the sons of Israel;

¹⁰ and they gave them for the Potter's Field, as the Lord directed me."

The Kingdom of God

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And Jesus said to him, "*It is as you say.*"

John 18:33 Pilate therefore entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

³⁴ Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?"

³⁵ Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You up to me; what have You done?"

³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting, that I might not be delivered up to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."

³⁷ Pilate therefore said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say *correctly* that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

³⁸ Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no guilt in Him."

The Lamb of God

Matthew 27:12 And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He made no answer.

¹³ Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?"

¹⁴ And He did not answer him with regard to even a *single* charge, so that the governor was quite amazed.

Luke 23:4 And Pilate said to the chief priests and the multitudes, "I find no guilt in this man."

⁵ But they kept on insisting, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching all over Judea, starting from Galilee, even as far as this place."

⁶ But when Pilate heard it, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.

⁷ And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself also was in Jerusalem at that time.

⁸ Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus; for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some sign performed by Him.

⁹ And he questioned Him at some length; but He answered him nothing.

¹⁰ And the chief priests and the scribes were standing there, accusing Him vehemently.

¹¹ And Herod with his soldiers, after treating Him with contempt and mocking Him, dressed Him in a gorgeous robe and sent Him back to Pilate.

¹² Now Herod and Pilate became friends with one another that very day; for before they had been at enmity with each other.

The Humility of God

Matthew 27:15 Now at *the* feast the governor was accustomed to release for the multitude *any* one prisoner whom they wanted.

¹⁶ And they were holding at that time a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas.

¹⁷ When therefore they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"

¹⁸ For he knew that because of envy they had delivered Him up.

¹⁹ And while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that righteous Man; for last night I suffered greatly in a dream because of Him."

²⁰ But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the multitudes to ask for Barabbas, and to put Jesus to death.

²¹ But the governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas."

²² Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let Him be crucified!"

²³ And he said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they kept shouting all the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!"

²⁴ And when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see *to that* yourselves."

²⁵ And all the people answered and said, "His blood *be* on us and on our children!"

²⁶ Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus scourged, he delivered Him to be crucified.

The Grace of God

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole *Roman* cohort around Him.

²⁸ And they stripped Him, and put a scarlet robe on Him.

²⁹ And after weaving a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they kneeled down before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

³⁰ And they spat on Him, and took the reed and *began* to beat Him on the head.

³¹ And after they had mocked Him, they took His robe off and put His garments on Him, and led Him away to crucify *Him*.