

Jesus Tried by the Jews

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Passage: John 18:12-27

Main Point: Jesus was wrongfully arrested and accused so that He could die for our sins.

Case Study:

You share your faith with someone who turns hostile against the Gospel. He hurls a list of accusations at you, saying that Christians hate gays, divorcees, Muslims, and Jews. He goes on to add that Christianity justifies slavery and all sorts of evil that is written about in the Bible. How do you respond?

The Word:

1. Read John 11:45-53. Caiaphas said, "It is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish." What did Caiaphas mean by his statement? What was God saying through this prophecy? (John 11:51)
2. Read John 13:36-38. Why did Peter deny Jesus? (v.17,25-27)
3. Jesus offered a reasonable reply to Jewish court's questioning. How did the court react? (v.19-24)

The World:

1. The Jews had many false ideas about who Jesus was. What false ideas about Jesus and His followers are common today? (v.19-21)
2. The history of Christianity has produced many interdenominational wars. How does Jesus' reaction to being arrested, interrogated, and assaulted instruct us about how to handle conflict?
3. In John 18:12-27, the people of God turned against Jesus. How can we assure ourselves that we won't make the same mistake?

The Application:

1. The world accuses and judges Christ-followers. How can your personal testimony help you to conquer the fears you may have in following Christ?
2. Share your Gospel risks of the past few weeks.
3. Do you have any fears or obstacles standing in the way of sharing Jesus with non-Christians you know? Pray for one another to overcome those fears and obstacles.

What Questions do I have for my Family Group?

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Key Cross References:

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How to use this guide:

- **Study and discuss the passage**, not necessarily the outline of the sermon
- Don't feel pressure to ask all the questions, use your discernment based on time and needs of the group
- Engage the mind with good doctrine and move to the heart pushing toward application (A Key diagnostic for the leader to discern the health of his group is to listen "heart" conversation.)