

The Illegal, Unjust Trial of Jesus, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Matthew 26:67-68.
- B. Satan is behind the scenes when Jesus comes to the cross.
- C. God is also at work doing something holy.
- D. Evil men are also at work. (John 11:53)

II. The people did not want to know if Jesus was Messiah--they just wanted him out of the way. (Mark 14:51-52)

III. The trial of Jesus was illegal in its convening.

IV. The trial of Jesus was illegal in its condemnation.

- A. There was no witness against Jesus. Everyone else was on trial.
- B. Jesus gave the high priest the silence of integrity and trust.
- C. Jesus was on trial for being the God that he was.
- D. Caiaphas knew the claims of Jesus.

1. Jesus claimed to be the Messiah--he did not deny it. (Matthew 16:20)

2. Jesus made himself to be the Son of God. (John 19)

E. He questions Jesus, and Jesus affirms that he is God and that he will soon be exalted to the right hand of God. (Daniel 7:13-14, Hebrews 1)

F. The high priest tears his robes at Jesus' reaction, and the people blasphemed Jesus. (Leviticus 21:10, Mark 14:64, Luke 22:65)

G. Trying to bypass Christ as the mediator is a damnable sin. Christ took our place to bring us into the family of God.

Application Questions:

1. What claims did Caiaphas know that Jesus made of himself?

2. How do the people's reaction to Jesus mimic the actions of many today? Explain.

3. Why is bypassing Christ as the way to God a "damnable sin?"
