

THE ARREST & TRIALS OF JESUS

A COMPOSITE ACCOUNT
FROM THE FOUR GOSPELS





BETRAYAL AND ARREST

JOHN 18.1-5

WHEN JESUS HAD SPOKEN THESE WORDS, HE WENT OUT WITH HIS DISCIPLES ACROSS THE BROOK KIDRON, WHERE THERE WAS A GARDEN, WHICH HE AND HIS DISCIPLES ENTERED. ²NOW JUDAS, WHO BETRAYED HIM, ALSO KNEW THE PLACE, FOR JESUS OFTEN MET THERE WITH HIS DISCIPLES. ³SO JUDAS, HAVING PROCURED A BAND OF SOLDIERS AND SOME OFFICERS FROM THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE PHARISEES, WENT THERE WITH LANTERNS AND TORCHES AND WEAPONS.

4 THEN JESUS, KNOWING ALL THAT WOULD HAPPEN TO HIM, CAME FORWARD AND SAID TO THEM, "WHOM DO YOU SEEK?" 5 THEY ANSWERED HIM, "JESUS OF NAZARETH." JESUS SAID TO THEM, "I AM HE." JUDAS, WHO BETRAYED HIM, WAS STANDING WITH THEM.

MARK 14.44

NOW THE BETRAYER HAD GIVEN THEM A SIGN, SAYING, "THE ONE I WILL KISS IS THE MAN. SEIZE HIM AND LEAD HIM AWAY UNDER GUARD."

JOHN 18.6-9

WHEN JESUS SAID TO THEM, "I AM HE," THEY DREW BACK AND FELL TO THE GROUND.

⁷SO HE ASKED THEM AGAIN, "WHOM DO YOU SEEK?" AND THEY SAID, "JESUS OF NAZARETH." ⁸JESUS ANSWERED, "I TOLD YOU THAT I AM HE. SO, IF YOU SEEK ME, LET THESE MEN GO." ⁹THIS WAS TO FULFILL THE WORD THAT HE HAD SPOKEN: "OF THOSE WHOM YOU GAVE ME I HAVE LOST NOT ONE."

LUKE 22:47-49

WHILE HE WAS STILL SPEAKING, THERE CAME A CROWD, AND THE MAN CALLED JUDAS, ONE OF THE TWELVE, WAS LEADING THEM. HE DREW NEAR TO JESUS TO KISS HIM, ⁴⁸BUT JESUS SAID TO HIM, “JUDAS, WOULD YOU BETRAY THE SON OF MAN WITH A KISS?” ⁴⁹AND WHEN THOSE WHO WERE AROUND HIM SAW WHAT WOULD FOLLOW, THEY SAID, “LORD, SHALL WE STRIKE WITH THE SWORD?”

JOHN 18.10

THEN SIMON PETER, HAVING A SWORD, DREW IT AND STRUCK THE HIGH PRIEST'S SERVANT AND CUT OFF HIS RIGHT EAR. (THE SERVANT'S NAME WAS MALCHUS.)

LUKE 22.51

BUT JESUS SAID, "NO MORE OF THIS!" AND HE TOUCHED HIS EAR AND HEALED HIM.

JOHN 18.11

SO JESUS SAID TO PETER, "PUT YOUR SWORD INTO ITS SHEATH; SHALL I NOT DRINK THE CUP THAT THE FATHER HAS GIVEN ME?"

MATTHEW 26.52-54

THEN JESUS SAID TO HIM, “PUT YOUR SWORD BACK INTO ITS PLACE. FOR ALL WHO TAKE THE SWORD WILL PERISH BY THE SWORD. ⁵³DO YOU THINK THAT I CANNOT APPEAL TO MY FATHER, AND HE WILL AT ONCE SEND ME MORE THAN TWELVE LEGIONS OF ANGELS? ⁵⁴BUT HOW THEN SHOULD THE SCRIPTURES BE FULFILLED, THAT IT MUST BE SO?”

LUKE 22.52-53

THEN JESUS SAID TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND OFFICERS OF THE TEMPLE AND ELDERS, WHO HAD COME OUT AGAINST HIM, “HAVE YOU COME OUT AS AGAINST A ROBBER, WITH SWORDS AND CLUBS? ⁵³WHEN I WAS WITH YOU DAY AFTER DAY IN THE TEMPLE, YOU DID NOT LAY HANDS ON ME. BUT THIS IS YOUR HOUR, AND THE POWER OF DARKNESS.”

MARK 14.46

AND THEY LAID HANDS ON HIM AND SEIZED HIM.

JEWISH TRIALS



JOHN 18.12-13

SO THE BAND OF SOLDIERS AND THEIR CAPTAIN AND THE OFFICERS OF THE JEWS ARRESTED JESUS AND BOUND HIM.

¹³FIRST THEY LED HIM TO ANNAS, FOR HE WAS THE FATHER-IN-LAW OF CAIAPHAS, WHO WAS HIGH PRIEST THAT YEAR.

JOHN 18.19-24

THE HIGH PRIEST THEN QUESTIONED JESUS ABOUT HIS DISCIPLES AND HIS TEACHING. ²⁰JESUS ANSWERED HIM, "I HAVE SPOKEN OPENLY TO THE WORLD. I HAVE ALWAYS TAUGHT IN SYNAGOGUES AND IN THE TEMPLE,

WHERE ALL JEWS COME TOGETHER. I HAVE SAID NOTHING IN SECRET. ²¹ WHY DO YOU ASK ME? ASK THOSE WHO HAVE HEARD ME WHAT I SAID TO THEM; THEY KNOW WHAT I SAID.”
²² WHEN HE HAD SAID THESE THINGS, ONE OF THE OFFICERS STANDING BY STRUCK JESUS WITH HIS HAND, SAYING, “IS THAT HOW YOU ANSWER THE HIGH PRIEST?” ²³ JESUS ANSWERED HIM, “IF WHAT I SAID IS WRONG, BEAR WITNESS ABOUT THE WRONG; BUT IF WHAT I SAID IS RIGHT, WHY DO YOU STRIKE ME?” ²⁴ ANNAS THEN SENT HIM BOUND TO CAIAPHAS THE HIGH PRIEST.

MATTHEW 26.57-66

THEN THOSE WHO HAD SEIZED JESUS LED HIM TO CAIAPHAS THE HIGH PRIEST, WHERE THE SCRIBES AND THE ELDERS HAD GATHERED. ⁵⁸AND PETER WAS FOLLOWING HIM AT A DISTANCE, AS FAR AS THE COURTYARD OF THE HIGH PRIEST, AND GOING INSIDE HE SAT WITH THE GUARDS TO SEE THE END. ⁵⁹NOW THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE WHOLE COUNCIL WERE SEEKING FALSE TESTIMONY AGAINST JESUS THAT THEY MIGHT PUT HIM TO DEATH,

⁶⁰BUT THEY FOUND NONE, THOUGH MANY FALSE WITNESSES CAME FORWARD. AT LAST TWO CAME FORWARD ⁶¹AND SAID, "THIS MAN SAID, 'I AM ABLE TO DESTROY THE TEMPLE OF GOD, AND TO REBUILD IT IN THREE DAYS.'" ⁶²AND THE HIGH PRIEST STOOD UP AND SAID, "HAVE YOU NO ANSWER TO MAKE? WHAT IS IT THAT THESE MEN TESTIFY AGAINST YOU?" ⁶³BUT JESUS REMAINED SILENT. AND THE HIGH PRIEST SAID TO HIM, "I ADJURE YOU BY THE LIVING GOD, TELL US IF YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD."

64 JESUS SAID TO HIM, “YOU HAVE SAID SO. BUT I TELL YOU, FROM NOW ON YOU WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER AND COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.” 65 THEN THE HIGH PRIEST TORE HIS ROBES AND SAID, “HE HAS UTTERED BLASPHEMY. WHAT FURTHER WITNESSES DO WE NEED? YOU HAVE NOW HEARD HIS BLASPHEMY. 66 WHAT IS YOUR JUDGMENT?” THEY ANSWERED, “HE DESERVES DEATH.”

LUKE 22:63-65

NOW THE MEN WHO WERE HOLDING JESUS IN CUSTODY WERE MOCKING HIM AS THEY BEAT HIM. ⁶⁴THEY ALSO BLINDFOLDED HIM AND KEPT ASKING HIM, “PROPHECY! WHO IS IT THAT STRUCK YOU?” ⁶⁵AND THEY SAID MANY OTHER THINGS AGAINST HIM, BLASPHEMING HIM.

MATTHEW 27.1-2

WHEN MORNING CAME, ALL THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE ELDERS OF THE PEOPLE TOOK COUNSEL AGAINST JESUS TO PUT HIM TO DEATH. ²AND THEY BOUND HIM AND LED HIM AWAY AND DELIVERED HIM OVER TO PILATE THE GOVERNOR.

ROMAN TRIALS



JOHN 18.28

THEN THEY LED JESUS FROM THE HOUSE OF CAIAPHAS TO THE GOVERNOR'S HEADQUARTERS. IT WAS EARLY MORNING. THEY THEMSELVES DID NOT ENTER THE GOVERNOR'S HEADQUARTERS, SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE DEFILED, BUT COULD EAT THE **PASSOVER.**

JOHN 18.29-32

SO PILATE WENT OUTSIDE TO THEM AND SAID, “WHAT ACCUSATION DO YOU BRING AGAINST THIS MAN?” ³⁰THEY ANSWERED HIM, “IF THIS MAN WERE NOT DOING EVIL, WE WOULD NOT HAVE DELIVERED HIM OVER TO YOU.” ³¹PILATE SAID TO THEM, “TAKE HIM YOURSELVES AND **JUDGE HIM BY YOUR OWN LAW.” THE JEWS SAID TO HIM, “IT IS NOT LAWFUL FOR US TO PUT ANYONE TO DEATH.” ³²THIS WAS TO FULFILL THE WORD THAT JESUS HAD SPOKEN TO SHOW BY WHAT KIND OF DEATH HE WAS GOING TO DIE.**

LUKE 23:2

AND THEY BEGAN TO ACCUSE HIM, SAYING, “WE FOUND THIS MAN MISLEADING OUR NATION AND FORBIDDING US TO GIVE TRIBUTE TO CAESAR, AND SAYING THAT HE HIMSELF IS CHRIST, A KING.”

JOHN 18.33-38

SO PILATE ENTERED HIS HEADQUARTERS AGAIN AND CALLED JESUS AND SAID TO HIM, “ARE YOU THE KING OF THE JEWS?”³⁴ JESUS ANSWERED, “DO YOU SAY THIS OF YOUR OWN ACCORD, OR DID OTHERS SAY IT TO YOU ABOUT ME?”

35 PILATE ANSWERED, "AM I A JEW? YOUR OWN NATION AND THE CHIEF PRIESTS HAVE DELIVERED YOU OVER TO ME. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?" 36 JESUS ANSWERED, "MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD. IF MY KINGDOM WERE OF THIS WORLD, MY SERVANTS WOULD HAVE BEEN FIGHTING, THAT I MIGHT NOT BE DELIVERED OVER TO THE JEWS. BUT MY KINGDOM IS NOT FROM THE WORLD."

37 THEN PILATE SAID TO HIM, “SO YOU ARE A KING?” JESUS ANSWERED, “YOU SAY THAT I AM A KING. FOR THIS PURPOSE I WAS BORN AND FOR THIS PURPOSE I HAVE COME INTO THE WORLD—TO BEAR WITNESS TO THE TRUTH. EVERYONE WHO IS OF THE TRUTH LISTENS TO MY VOICE.”
38 PILATE SAID TO HIM, “WHAT IS TRUTH?”

MATTHEW 27:15

NOW AT THE FEAST THE GOVERNOR WAS ACCUSTOMED TO RELEASE FOR THE CROWD ANY ONE PRISONER WHOM THEY WANTED.

MARK 15.7-14

AND AMONG THE REBELS IN PRISON, WHO HAD COMMITTED MURDER IN THE INSURRECTION, THERE WAS A MAN CALLED BARABBAS. ⁸AND THE CROWD CAME UP AND BEGAN TO ASK PILATE TO DO AS HE USUALLY DID FOR THEM. ⁹AND HE ANSWERED THEM, SAYING, “DO YOU WANT ME TO RELEASE FOR YOU THE KING OF THE JEWS?” ¹⁰FOR HE PERCEIVED THAT IT WAS **OUT OF ENVY THAT THE CHIEF PRIESTS HAD DELIVERED HIM UP.**

11 BUT THE CHIEF PRIESTS STIRRED UP THE CROWD TO HAVE HIM RELEASE FOR THEM BARABBAS INSTEAD. 12 AND PILATE AGAIN SAID TO THEM, "THEN WHAT SHALL I DO WITH THE MAN YOU CALL THE KING OF THE JEWS?" 13 AND THEY CRIED OUT AGAIN, "CRUCIFY HIM." 14 AND PILATE SAID TO THEM, "WHY? WHAT EVIL HAS HE DONE?" BUT THEY SHOUTED ALL THE MORE, "CRUCIFY HIM."

MATTHEW 27:24-30

SO WHEN PILATE SAW THAT HE WAS GAINING NOTHING, BUT RATHER THAT A RIOT WAS BEGINNING, HE TOOK WATER AND WASHED HIS HANDS BEFORE THE CROWD, SAYING, "I AM INNOCENT OF THIS MAN'S BLOOD; SEE TO IT YOURSELVES."

²⁵AND ALL THE PEOPLE ANSWERED, "HIS BLOOD BE ON US AND ON OUR CHILDREN!" ²⁶THEN HE RELEASED FOR THEM BARABBAS, AND HAVING SCOURGED JESUS, DELIVERED HIM TO BE CRUCIFIED.

27 THEN THE SOLDIERS OF THE GOVERNOR TOOK JESUS INTO THE GOVERNOR'S HEADQUARTERS, AND THEY GATHERED THE WHOLE BATTALION BEFORE HIM.

28 AND THEY STRIPPED HIM AND PUT A SCARLET ROBE ON HIM, 29 AND TWISTING TOGETHER A CROWN OF THORNS, THEY PUT IT ON HIS HEAD AND PUT A REED IN HIS RIGHT HAND. AND KNEELING BEFORE HIM, THEY MOCKED HIM, SAYING, "HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS!" 30 AND THEY SPIT ON HIM AND TOOK THE REED AND STRUCK HIM ON THE HEAD.

JOHN 19.5-11

SO JESUS CAME OUT, WEARING THE CROWN OF THORNS AND THE PURPLE ROBE. PILATE SAID TO THEM, “BEHOLD THE MAN!” ⁶**WHEN THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE OFFICERS SAW HIM, THEY CRIED OUT, “CRUCIFY HIM, CRUCIFY HIM!”** **PILATE SAID TO THEM, “TAKE HIM YOURSELVES AND CRUCIFY HIM, FOR I FIND NO GUILT IN HIM.”** ⁷**THE JEWS ANSWERED HIM, “WE HAVE A LAW, AND ACCORDING TO THAT LAW HE OUGHT TO DIE BECAUSE HE HAS MADE HIMSELF THE SON OF GOD.”**

⁸WHEN PILATE HEARD THIS STATEMENT, HE WAS EVEN MORE AFRAID. ⁹HE ENTERED HIS HEADQUARTERS AGAIN AND SAID TO JESUS, "WHERE ARE YOU FROM?" BUT JESUS GAVE HIM NO ANSWER. ¹⁰SO PILATE SAID TO HIM, "YOU WILL NOT SPEAK TO ME? DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT I HAVE AUTHORITY TO RELEASE YOU AND AUTHORITY TO CRUCIFY YOU?" ¹¹JESUS ANSWERED HIM, "YOU WOULD HAVE NO AUTHORITY OVER ME AT ALL UNLESS IT HAD BEEN GIVEN YOU FROM ABOVE. THEREFORE HE WHO DELIVERED ME OVER TO YOU HAS THE GREATER SIN."

JOHN 19.12-16

FROM THEN ON PILATE SOUGHT TO RELEASE HIM, BUT THE JEWS CRIED OUT, "IF YOU RELEASE THIS MAN, YOU ARE NOT CAESAR'S FRIEND. EVERYONE WHO MAKES HIMSELF A KING OPPOSES CAESAR." ¹³**SO WHEN PILATE HEARD THESE WORDS, HE BROUGHT JESUS OUT AND SAT DOWN ON THE JUDGMENT SEAT AT A PLACE CALLED THE STONE PAVEMENT, AND IN ARAMAIC GABBATHA.**

14 NOW IT WAS **THE DAY OF PREPARATION OF THE PASSOVER.** IT WAS ABOUT THE SIXTH HOUR. HE SAID TO THE JEWS, **“BEHOLD YOUR KING!”** ***15*** THEY CRIED OUT, **“AWAY WITH HIM, AWAY WITH HIM, CRUCIFY HIM!”** PILATE SAID TO THEM, **“SHALL I CRUCIFY YOUR KING?”** THE CHIEF PRIESTS ANSWERED, **“WE HAVE NO KING BUT CAESAR.”** ***16*** SO HE DELIVERED HIM OVER TO THEM TO BE CRUCIFIED.

ILLEGALITIES IN THE JEWISH TRIALS OF JESUS

1. JESUS WAS ARRESTED ILLEGALLY.
2. IT WAS A PRIVATE NIGHT PROCEEDING.
3. THE SANHEDRIN ILLEGALLY PROCEEDED TO HOLD ITS TRIAL OF JESUS BEFORE SUNRISE.
4. THE SANHEDRIN WAS ILLEGALLY CONVENED TO TRY A CAPITAL OFFENSE ON A DAY BEFORE AN ANNUAL SABBATH (HOLY DAY).
5. THE TRIAL AGAINST JESUS WAS ILLEGAL BECAUSE IT WAS CONCLUDED IN ONE DAY.
6. THE INDICTMENTS AGAINST JESUS WERE FALSE OR UNPROVEN.
7. THE CONDEMNATION OF JESUS BY PART OF THE SANHEDRIN WAS ILLEGAL BECAUSE THOSE WHO MIGHT HAVE VOTED AGAINST HIS CONDEMNATION WERE NOT THERE.
8. THE SENTENCE AGAINST JESUS WAS PRONOUNCED IN A PLACE FORBIDDEN BY LAW.
9. MOST SANHEDRIN MEMBERS THEMSELVES WERE LEGALLY DISQUALIFIED TO TRY JESUS.
10. THEY ILLEGALLY SWITCHED THE CHARGES AGAINST JESUS FROM BLASPHEMY TO TREASON BEFORE GOING TO PILATE.