

Come and See the Religious Trial of Jesus

John 18:13-14; 19-24
February 19, 2017

FEBRUARY 2017 - P.O.W.E.R. LOG

- P - PRAYER** - testimonies of answered prayer
- O - OPENNESS** - testimonies of God's work in lives
- W - WORD** - testimonies of what we are learning from the Bible
- E - ENCOURAGEMENT** - testimonies of being encouraged
- R - RESPONSIBILITY** - testimonies of witnessing opportunities

EVENING SERVICES:

February 19 - P.O.W.E.R. GROUPS

February 26 - Marnia Krause - Mission's Focus on Africa

March 5 - Lord's Supper - Pastor preaching on John 19

March 12 - P.O.W.E.R. GROUPS

FEBRUARY 2017 - MEMORY VERSE

Assurance of Salvation

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**John 5:24,
Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word,
and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life,
and shall not come into condemnation;
but is passed from death unto life.**

John 5:24

I. JESUS' PREDICTION OF HIS DEATH, THE DISCIPLES SCATTERING AND HIS RESURRECTION

Mark 14:27-28,

And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. ²⁸ But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee.

CROSS-GENERATIONAL P.O.W.E.R. GROUPS

1. Some of the Sanhedrin believed on Christ (John 19:38), but all present at the trial of Christ consented to His death (Mark 14:64). What would you have done? What did you do this past week?
2. How do we see the grace of God in the lives of priests (Acts 6:7) who may have earlier condemned Him? How have you seen His grace in your own life?
3. Jesus said that if they have done this to Him the Master, that they will treat disciples the same way (John 15:20). What confidence does Jesus give us (Mark 13:11)?
4. What contrast do you see between the disciples in the flesh, focused on themselves (Matthew 26:35), and the disciples in the Spirit, focused on the gospel (Acts 4:18-20)?
5. In what ways do we see an evident role reversal between the Sanhedrin and Jesus (Mark 14:61-64)?
6. How do we see God's sovereignty in the trial of Jesus (Isaiah 53; Acts 4:27-28) and how does that encourage us that He is in control of our trials as well?

I. PHASE ONE - JESUS BEFORE ANNAS

John 18:12-13,

Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, ¹³ And led him away to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year.



CAIAPHAS' PROPHECY

John 18:14,

Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

John 11:49-52,

And one of them, *named* Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, ⁵⁰ Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. ⁵¹ And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; ⁵² And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

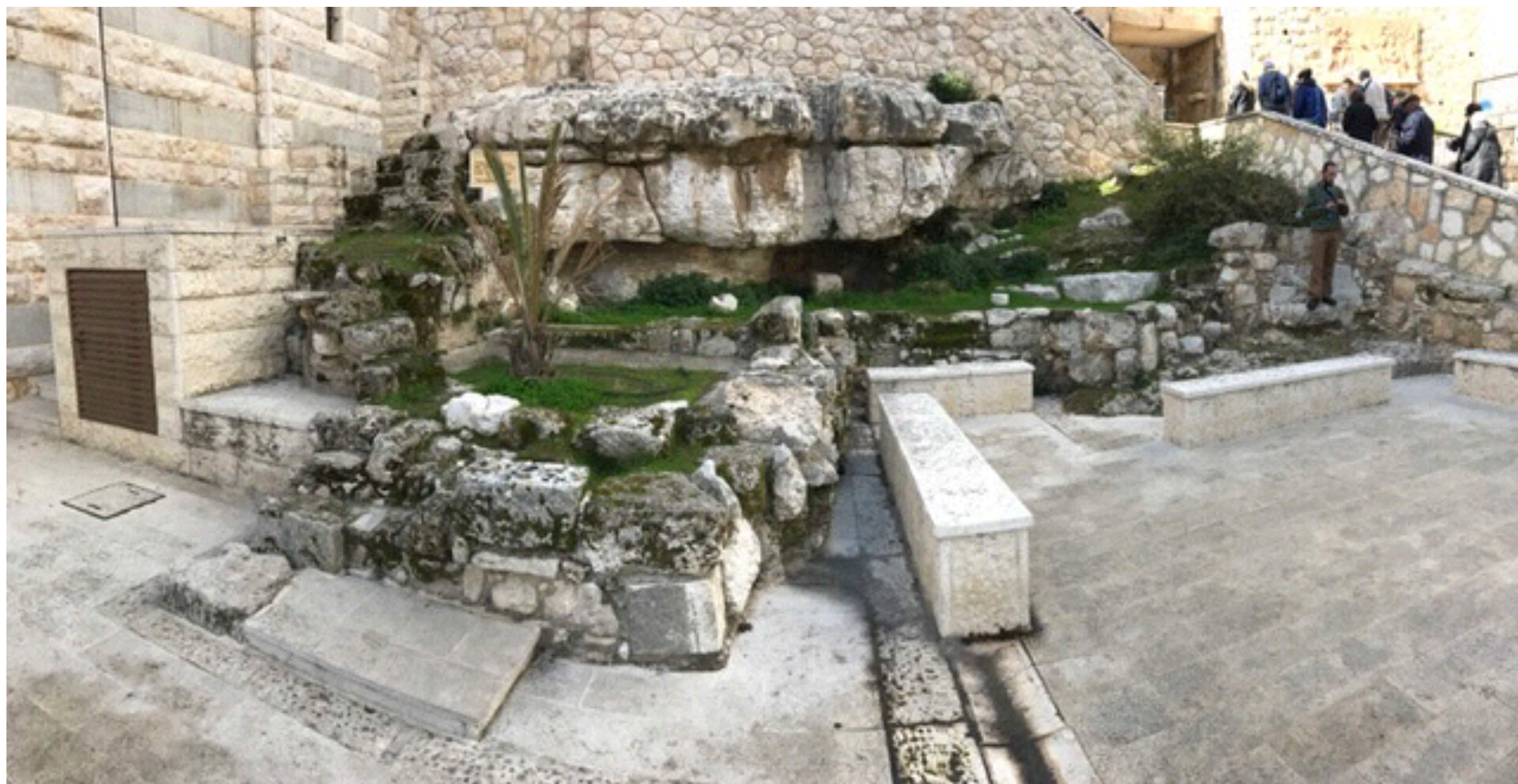
The Route from the Garden to the Palace



Model of Caiaphas' Palace







A. ANNAS ASKS JESUS TWO QUESTIONS

- 1) REGARDING HIS DISCIPLES
- 2) REGARDING HIS DOCTRINE

John 18:19,

The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine.

B. JESUS ANSWERS ANNAS AND ASKS HIM ONE QUESTION

John 18:20-21,
Jesus answered him,
I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue,
and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I
said nothing. ²¹ Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me,
what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said.

C. THE SERVANT SLAPS JESUS AND ASKS HIM ONE QUESTION

John 18:22,

And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so?

D. JESUS ANSWERS THE SERVANT AND ASKS HIM ONE QUESTION

John 18:23,

**Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil:
but if well, why smitest thou me?**

E. ANNAS SENDS JESUS TO CAIAPHAS

John 18:24,

Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest.

II. PHASE 2 - JESUS BEFORE CAIAPHAS AND THE SANHEDRIN AT NIGHT - April 7, 30 A.D.

12:00 MIDNIGHT - JESUS ARRESTED IN THE GARDEN

12:30 A.M. - JESUS MEETS ANNAS

1:30 A.M. - JESUS IS BROUGHT BEFORE CAIAPHAS/SANHEDRIN

Luke 22:59 And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this *fellow* also was with him: for he is a Galilaean.

2:30 A.M. - JESUS UNDER OATH STATES THAT HE IS THE MESSIAH

JESUS ESCORTED TO PRISON CELL FOR REST OF NIGHT

PETER DENIES JESUS FOR THE 3RD TIME - Rooster crows second time

2:30 to 5:35 A.M. - Jesus in the abyss/prison (Psalm 88)

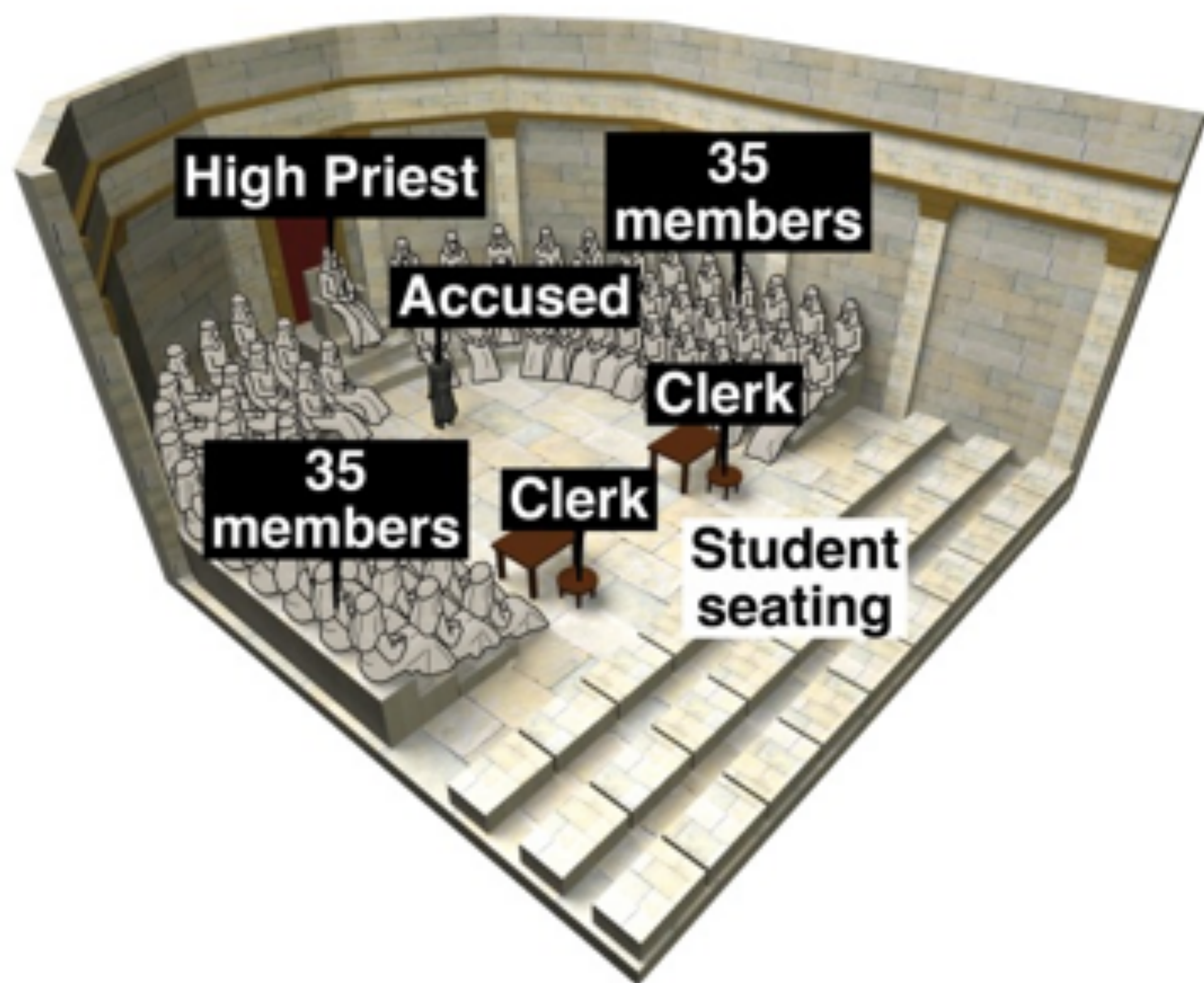
5:40 A.M. - SUNRISE - Jesus is led to meet the Sanhedrin for “official” trial

The Sanhedrin – the Jewish Supreme Court



- High Priest – Joseph, surnamed Caiaphas (A.D. 18-36)
- Chief Priests
 - Annas ben Seth, former high priest (A.D. 6-15)
 - Ishmael ben Phiabi
 - Eleazar
 - Simon ben Kamithos
- Elders
 - Wealthy, influential lay families in Jerusalem
 - Most had Sadducean leanings
 - Example: Joseph of Arimathaea (Luke 23:50)
- Scribes
 - Lawyers from the middle and upper classes
 - Most tended to be Pharisaic in their convictions
 - Example: Nicodemus
- Commander of the Temple Guard
- The Steward of the Temple
- Three Temple Treasurers
- Two Court Clerks

The Sanhedrin



A. The Prosecutors of Jesus

Mark 14:55,

And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none.

Mark 14:56,

For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together.

Joseph of Arimathaea

Luke 23:50-51,

And, behold, *there was* a man named Joseph, a counsellor; *and he was* a good man, and a just: ⁵¹ (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) *he was* of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God.

B. The Particular Accusations

Mark 14:57-59,

And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying, ⁵⁸ We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands. ⁵⁹ But neither so did their witness agree together.

C. The Priest Probes Jesus' Identity

Mark 14:60-61,

And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what *is it which* these witness against thee? ⁶¹ But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?

D. The Pronouncement of Jesus Under Oath

Mark 14:62,

And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

Daniel 7:13-14,

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. ¹⁴ And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

E. The Priest Goes Ballistic and Charges Jesus with Blasphemy

Mark 14:63-64,

Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses? ⁶⁴ Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death.

F. The Physical Abuse of Jesus

Mark 14:65,

And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.

JESUS WAS THEN LED FROM ONE BUILDING TO ANOTHER TO BE PLACED IN A PRISON CELL

Luke 22:61,

And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

G. The Prison Jesus Stayed in Until Sunrise



III. PHASE 3 - JESUS BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN IN THE MORNING

Matthew 27:1-2,

When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: ² And when they had bound him, they led *him* away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

The Weight of this Trial

- 1) Physically exhausted - A very long day - up early, full day, long meal, farewell address, long walks, now very late (1:00 to 3:00 a.m.)
- 2) Emotionally exhausted - farewell address, intense times of prayer, Judas' betrayal, the disciples scattered, the Jewish leaders having Him arrested, the Romans partnering, Peter's denials, etc. (13:21 - "He was troubled in spirit.")
- 3) The embarrassment/shame of being arrested and dragged to the high priest's palace in chains. Being misunderstood.
- 4) Being falsely accused by false witnesses.
- 5) The spiritual blindness of the Sanhedrin. Hated, despised, rejected of men.
- 6) The physical abuse of the officers - humanly speaking defenseless
- 7) The loneliness and discomfort He experienced in the prison. By the time of the cross He had not slept for about 33 hours and had not eaten anything for about 17 hours.
- 8) All of this in one 24 hour time period.

How to handle the “mis-trials” of Life

I Peter 2:21-25,

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: ²² Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: ²³ Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously: ²⁴ Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. ²⁵ For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

Ossuary of Caiaphas found in 1990





CALL ON CHRIST IN FAITH

DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER,

I believe that Jesus died for my sins and rose again the third day. I call on You to forgive me of my sins and to give to me eternal life.

I PRAY IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.