

In My Place; God with us, God for us

John 18:18-19:42

Trial

The trials of the Lord Jesus Christ are history's most egregious miscarriage of justice. In them the friend of sinners (Luke 7:34) faced the hatred of sinners; the Judge of all the earth (Gen. 18:25) was arraigned before petty human judges; the exalted Lord of glory (1 Cor. 2:8) was humiliated by being mocked, spit upon, and beaten; the Holy and Righteous one (Acts 3:14) was treated as a vile sinner; the One who is the truth (John 14:6) was impugned by evil liars.

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (2008). [John 12-21](#) (p. 324). Moody Publishers.

Treason

Luke 23:1-2 Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate.
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?" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him."

John 19:19 Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

Blasphemy

John 19:7 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."

John 19:8 When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid.

Crucifixion

John 19:1–5 Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ² And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³ They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands. ⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.” ⁵ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!”

John 19:16–18 So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.

Matthew 27:45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

Seven last words

Luke 23:34 And Jesus said, “**Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.**” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

Luke 23:43 And he said to him, “**Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.**”

John 19:26–27 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “**Woman, behold, your son!**” ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “**Behold, your mother!**” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Mark 15:34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “**Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?**” which means, “**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**”

John 19:28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “**I thirst.**”

John 19:30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “**It is finished,**” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Luke 23:46 Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “**Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!**” And having said this he breathed his last.

Matthew 27:51–52 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised,

Matthew 27:54 When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

Burial

John 19:38–42 After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body.

³⁹ Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

Isaiah 53:9 They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Matthew 27:62–66 The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³ and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ ⁶⁴ Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” ⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

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Jesus’s trial is really our trial

Treason

Romans 1:19–23 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;

Blasphemy

Genesis 3:4–6 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and **you will be like God**, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Christ’ judgment is our judgment

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 14:10–12 For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Hebrews 3:15 As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”