

Jesus Is Wrongly Abused and Accused (Luke 22:63-23:1)

⁶³ Now the men who held Jesus mocked Him and beat Him. ⁶⁴ And having blindfolded Him, they struck Him on the face and asked Him, saying, "Prophecy! Who is the one who struck You?" ⁶⁵ And many other things they blasphemously spoke against Him.

⁶⁶ As soon as it was day, the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, came together and led Him into their council, saying, ⁶⁷ "If You are the Christ, tell us."

But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will by no means believe. ⁶⁸ "And if I also ask *you*, you will by no means answer Me or let *Me* go. ⁶⁹ "Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God."

⁷⁰ Then they all said, "Are You then the Son of God?"

So He said to them, "You *rightly* say that I am."

⁷¹ And they said, "What further testimony do we need? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."

^{23:1} Then the whole multitude of them arose and led Him to Pilate.

Background: Jesus Had Been Taken to the House of the Chief Priest

- Jesus is betrayed (47-51)
- Jesus is arrested and brought to the high priest's house (52-54a)
- Peter in the courtyard (54b-55)
- Peter denies 3x (56-59)
- Jesus looks at Peter (61), and Peter leaves and weeps bitterly (62)

1. Jesus Is _____ by His Captors (22:63-65)

- He was being mocked*
- While beating (~)*
- Having blindfolded Him*
- They were asking Him, "Who hit You?"*
- Many others "were blaspheming, speaking Him"*

2. Jesus Is _____ by the Leaders (22:66-67a)

- Jewish leaders gathered together*
- Jesus was led to the sanhedrion (Jewish ruling council)*
- Jesus is asked about His identity (self-implication...)*

3. Jesus _____ His Interrogators (22:67b-68)

- Jesus points out their lack of sincerity to believe the truth*
- Jesus points out their lack of honesty to respond to His questions*

4. Jesus _____ His Interrogators (22:69)

- Jesus predicts the future and references the OT)*
- Jesus identifies Himself using "Son of man"*
- Jesus predicts His future position*

5. Jesus Is _____ by the Leaders (23:1)

- They understand His identity claims*
- They ignore His other details*
- They verify His identity claim*
- Jesus affirms His identity*
- They close the inquiry*
They considered it adequate evidence to proceed (without considering the accuracy of His claims, just as He had said in 67b-68)
- Their conclusion*
To them, Jesus was thus guilty of blasphemy and therefore worthy of death.

6. Jesus Is Led to _____, the Roman Leader

- No further discussion or investigation*
- Immediately they went the next step*

Observations and Lessons – This Process Was...

- _____ – In Identity and Prophecy
Ps 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."
- _____ – This began Jesus' suffering
- _____ – These procedures did not follow the Law (Morris)
- _____ – The leaders only sought to entrap Jesus with their foregone conclusion.
- _____ – They were not seeking to determine the truth. They were simply going through the motions. They refused to believe or acknowledge anything Jesus said. They displayed a lack of sincere desire to know the truth or to administer true justice.
- _____ – The Christ (v. 67) = Son of Man (v. 69) = Son of God (v. 70). The Jews were asking about key truths they did not accurately understand, and did not care to understand.