

TRIAL BY DESIGN

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Three lessons from the trial of Jesus...

I. They held an _____ trial.

- a) **Mark 14:53-59 (NIV84)** They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, elders and teachers of the law came together. 54 **Peter** followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.
- b) 55 The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin **were looking for evidence** against Jesus so that they could put him to death, **but they did not find any.** 56 Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree. 57 Then some stood up and gave this **false** testimony against him: 58 "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this man-made temple and in three days will build another, not made by man.'" 59 Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

A. The trial was orchestrated by Jesus' _____.

B. The trial was _____ for many reasons.

C. Sinful, wicked men horribly _____ Jesus!

- a) **John 19:11 (NIV84)** Jesus answered [Pilate], "You would have no power over me if it were not **given to you** from above.

Q: When you are wronged by sinful people, do you still believe God is in _____?

II. They tried a _____ man.

- a) **Mark 14: 60-63 (NIV84)** Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" 61 But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ the Son of the Blessed One?"
- b) 62 "**I am.**" said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." 63 The high priest tore his clothes.

"Why do we need any more witnesses?" he asked.

A. Jesus was not condemned for what he _____, but for _____ he claimed to be.

1. Was Jesus God in the flesh? YES!

Colossians 2:9 (NIV84) For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.

- a) **Claimed it** (John 10:30, 33)
- b) **Miracles** (John 14:11)
- c) **Sinless life** (John 8:46)
- d) **Prophecy** (Luke 24:27)
- e) **Resurrection** (John 2:18-22)

Q: Do _____ believe Jesus is who he claimed to be?

III. They condemned an _____ man.

- a) **Mark 14:64-65 (NIV84)** "You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all **condemned** him as worthy of death. 65 Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophecy!" And the guards took him and beat him.

A. Jesus suffered and died ... for _____!

1. It was all done by "design." It was God's plan...

- a) **2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV84)** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
- b) **Isaiah 53:5 (NIV84)** But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.
- c) **1Peter 3:18a (NIV84)** For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

Q: Do you realize that _____ are guilty & deserve eternal death?

John 3:16 (NIV84) "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
