

Matthew 21-27 ~ Mark 11-15 ~ Luke 19-23 ~ John 12-19

**1. Jesus' betrayal and arrest** – (~ 12:00-1:00am)

- **Judas** comes with
  - men sent from the chief priests and elders
  - a Roman cohort (~ 600 soldiers)
  - with lanterns, torches and weapons
- Jesus identifies Himself as I AM
- they fall to the ground
- **Judas** goes to Jesus and kisses Him (signal)
- Jesus asks them to let His disciples go
- **Peter** cuts off the right ear of Malchus, the high priest's slave
- Jesus heals his ear
- Jesus is arrested, bound and led away
- all the disciples leave Him and flee  
(Mt 26:47-56; Mk 14:43-53; Lk 22:47-53; Jn 18:2-12)

**2. 1st Trial** – (~ 2:00-3:00am)

- before **Annas**, father-in-law of **Caiaphas**, the high priest
- Jesus is questioned re: His teachings and His disciples and struck by an officer for disrespect
- He is sent bound to **Caiaphas**, the high priest  
(John 18:12-14, 19-23)

**3. 2nd Trial** – (~ 3:00-5:00am)

- before **Caiaphas** and some members of the Sanhedrin
- they call many witnesses against Jesus to put Him to death
- the testimonies are false and inconsistent
- they ask: "Are You the Messiah, the Son of God?"

- Jesus answers: "I am and you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming with the clouds of heaven."

- **Caiaphas**: "He has blasphemed!"
- the others say: "He deserves death!"
- while at **Caiaphas** house Jesus is:
  - blind-folded and beaten with fists
  - mocked – slapped and then challenged to "prophecy" about who hit Him
  - spat on in His face  
(Mt 26:57-68; Mk 14:53-65; Lk 22:54, 63-65; Jn 18:24)

- during the hours at **Caiaphas** house **Peter** denies the Lord Jesus three times
- when the rooster crows at daybreak **Peter** remembers Jesus' word and he leaves the place weeping bitterly  
(Mt 26:58, 66-75; Mk 14:54, 66-72; Lk 22:54-62; Jn 18:15-18, 25-27)

**4. 3rd Trial** (~ 5:00-6:00am)

- before the Sanhedrin
- when it was day (early in the morning) the Sanhedrin assembled
- they said: "If you are the Messiah, tell us"
- Jesus: "From now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God"
- they all said: "Are You the Son of God then?"
- Jesus said: "Yes, I am"
- He is bound and taken to Pilate the governor for trial
- **Judas** throws the 30 pieces of silver into the temple sanctuary and he goes and hangs himself  
(Mt 27:1; Mk 15:1; Lk 22:66-71)

**5. 4th Trial** (~ 6:00-7:00am)

- before **Pilate** at the Praetorium
- **Pilate** asks: "Are You the King of the Jews?"
- Jesus: "My kingdom is not of this world. I came into the world to testify to the truth."
- **Pilate** finds no guilt in Jesus
- the chief priests accuse Him of many things
- **Pilate** is amazed that Jesus doesn't defend Himself
- he sends Jesus to Herod (tetrarch of Galilee)  
(Mt 27:1-2, 11-14; Mk 15:1-5; Jn 18:28-32, 33-38)

**6. 5th Trial** (~ 7:00-7:30am)

- before Herod Antipas
- Herod is hoping to see Jesus do a miracle
- he questions Jesus at length
- Jesus answers him nothing
- Herod and his soldiers treat Jesus with contempt and mock Him
- they send Jesus back to **Pilate** in a kingly robe  
(Lk 23:6-12)

**7. 6th Trial** (~ 7:30-8:30am)

- before **Pilate** again → "He is not guilty of death"
- chief priests and elders persuade the crowds to ask:
  - for Barabbas to be released
  - for Jesus to be put to death → "Crucify Him!"
- **Pilate** washes his hands of responsibility
- Jesus is scourged by the soldiers
- a crown of thorns is put on His head
- He is slapped and mocked – "Hail, King of the Jews"
- Jesus is handed over to be crucified  
(Mt 27:15-23; Mk 15:6-14; Lk 23:13-22; Jn 18:39-19:6)