

Who Is Jesus? – Triumph & Trials

Pastor Scott Gillette Luke 22-23; Matt 26-27; Mark 14-15; Jn 18-19 25MR18

The Verdict is in!

Mark 3:6 “...Pharisees... plotted how they might destroy Him.”
John 5:18 “...the Jews began trying all the more to kill Him.”
John 7:1 “...the Jews were trying to kill Him”
John 7:25 “...the people said, “Isn’t this the man they want to kill?”
John 10:31 “...Again, the Jews picked up rocks to stone Him.”
John 11:47-53 “...it is to your advantage that one man should die for the people rather than the whole nation perish.”
Luke 19:47; Mark 11:18 “...looking for a way to destroy Him...”
Luke 20:19 “...looked for a way to get their hands on Him...”
Matt 26:4 “...they conspired to arrest Jesus in a treacherous way and kill Him.”

The verdict is in (before the trial begins!): Jesus must die!
But this is God’s plan – foretold in prophecy:

Isaiah 53:4-6 “... pierced because of our transgressions, crushed because of our iniquities;”
1 Peter 1:18-21 “...He was chosen before the foundation of the world”

“By the living God I place You under oath: tell us if You are the Messiah, the Son of God!”

“You have said it,” Jesus told him. “But I tell you, in the future you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Daniel 7:13-14 – “...Son of Man...clouds of heaven”
Psalm 110:1 “...Sit at My right hand”

“You have brought me this man as one who subverts the people. But in fact, after examining Him in your presence, **I have found no grounds to charge this man** with those things you accuse Him of.

Then they all cried out together, “Take this man away! Release Barabbas to us!”

Pilate asked them again, “Then what do you want me to do with the One you call the King of the Jews?” Jesus, who is called Messiah?”

Again they shouted, “Crucify Him!”

Have you ever been in a “discussion”... an argument...
Where reason has given way to repetition?
Where logic is overpowered by volume?
Where there is, in fact, no more discussion...
Where no chance exists for re-consideration?

...they kept shouting, “Crucify! Crucify Him!”

A third time he said to them, “Why? What has this man done wrong? **I have found in Him no grounds** for the death penalty. Therefore, I will have Him whipped and then release Him.”

But they shouted, “Crucify Him!” all the more.

Pilate went outside again and said to them, “Look, I’m bringing Him outside to you to let you know **I find no grounds for charging Him.**”

“If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Anyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar!”

Matt 27:25 “His blood be on us and on our children!”

John 11:50 “...it is to your advantage that one man should die for the people”

1 Peter 1:21-25 “...Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in His steps.”