

The Gospel of John

The Passion of Christ John 12-21



John 18:15-27

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TRIALS AND DENIALS

Introduction:

I. THE TRIALS (18:19-24)

A. Jesus Summoned to Annas (vs. 19-24)

1. Jesus is bound. (vs. 12)

“So the Roman cohort and the commander and the officers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him.”

2. Jesus is bullied. (vs. 19-21)

“The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples, and about His teaching.”

“Jesus answered him, ‘I have spoken openly to the world; I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and I spoke nothing in secret.’”

“Why do you question Me? Question those who have heard what I spoke to them; they know what I said.”

3. Jesus is buffeted. (vs. 22-23)

“When He had said this, one of the officers standing nearby struck Jesus, saying, ‘Is that the way You answer the high priest?’”

“Jesus answered him, ‘If I have spoken wrongly, testify of the wrong; but if rightly, why do you strike Me?’”

B. Jesus Sent to Caiaphas (vs. 24)

“So Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.”

C. Jesus Stands Before Pilate (vs. 28-40)

1. The Accusation (vs. 28-32)

“then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early”

“they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the Passover.”

“Pilate went out to them and said, ‘What accusation do you bring against this Man?’”

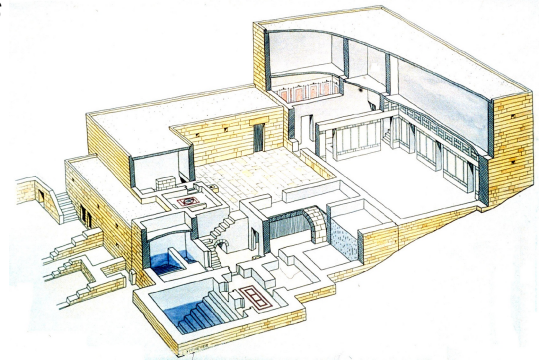
“If this Man were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him to you.”

“Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law.”

“‘We are not permitted to put anyone to death,’ to fulfill the word of Jesus which He spoke, signifying by what kind of death He was about to die.”

2. The Examination (vs. 33-40)

“Are You the King of the Jews?”



The Palatial Mansion (Annas' house?)

“Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?”

“I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You to me; what have You done?”

“My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.”

“So You are a king?”

“You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

“What is truth?”

“when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, ‘I find no guilt in Him.’”

“but you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover”

“Do you wish then that I release for you the King of the Jews?”

“they cried out again, saying, ‘Not this Man, but Barabbas.’ Now Barabbas was a robber.”

II. THE DENIALS (18:15-18, 25-27)

A. The First Denial (vs. 15-18)

“Simon Peter was following Jesus, and so was another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, but Peter was standing at the door outside.”

“So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought Peter in.”

“Then the slave-girl who kept the door said to Peter, ‘You are not also one of this man’s disciples, are you?’ He said, ‘I am not.’”

“Now the slaves and the officers were standing there, having made a charcoal fire, for it was cold and they were warming themselves; and Peter was also with them, standing and warming himself.”

B. The Second Denial (vs. 25)

“Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, ‘You are not also one of His disciples, are you?’ He denied it, and said, ‘I am not.’”

C. The Third Denial (vs. 26-27)

“One of the slaves of the high priest, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, said, ‘Did I not see you in the garden with Him?’ Peter then denied it again, and immediately a rooster crowed.”

Conclusion:

- 1) In the upper room (Matthew 26), Peter boasted three times that he would remain true - then he yielded to the devil.
- 2) In the garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14), Peter went to sleep three times when he should have been praying - he yielded to the flesh.
- 3) In Annas’ courtyard (John 18), Peter denied the Lord three times - he yielded to the world.
- 4) But, at the Sea of Galilee (John 21), Peter confessed his love for Christ three times - he repented and gave himself to God!

Food for Thought:

- 1) What is your understanding of Pilate’s response to Christ?
- 2) What mistakes did Peter make?
- 3) When have you been most prone to fail the Lord? How can you prepare for the next time so as to not fail again?
- 4) If you have disgraced the name of Christ in front of unbelievers, what should you do to try and correct it?