

The Jewish Trial
Matthew 26:57-68

I. Introduction: Review of the highs and lows of the Passion scenes

Following Jesus's arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane (57-58)

II. The Illegal Jewish Trial (59-66)

At Caiaphas's home at night

False witnesses who cannot agree on anything (59-60)

Two witnesses agree (61)

The mashal: Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up (Jn 2:13-22)

Why is Jesus silent? (62-63)

Isaiah 53:7 (*a lamb to the slaughter ... he opened not his mouth*)

The purpose of the *mashal*

The Gospel itself is a *mashal*

Jesus's silence is a condemnation of Israel (Rom 11:25, 2 Cor 3:14-16)

Jesus is Lord of the trial (63-64)

The Sanhedrin's sentence for the crime of blasphemy (65-66)

God's death sentence – He has taken the blasphemy of others

III. Bearing shame (67-68)

Isaiah 50:6