



Worship Service
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The Passion of Christ

Lesson Four • Matthew 26:47-68

Standing Firm in the Face of Injustice

The Injustice Suffered by Christ

From a human perspective the injustice Jesus suffered at the hands of sinful men appears to be a TRAGEDY, but from a heavenly perspective it became a TRIUMPH in the hands of a sovereign God.

Standing Firm in the Face of Injustice

1. Personal Injustice: Jesus Stands Firm in SUBMISSION When Betrayed by Judas! Vs. 47-56

- Jesus submits to BETRAYAL with a kiss. Vs. 47-50
- Jesus submits to ARREST by the soldiers. Vs. 50-55
- Jesus submits to SCRIPTURES of the prophets. Vs. 56

2. Formal Injustice: Jesus Stands Firm in SILENCE When Questioned by Caiaphas! Vs. 57-68

- Jesus is taken CAPTIVE to stand trial before the highest Jewish court. Vs. 57-63

- Jesus CONFESSES His identity as the Son of God. Vs. 63-64

- Jesus is CONDEMNED for the crime of blasphemy. Vs. 65-68

Connecting the Cross to Injustice

There was never a greater injustice in history than the CROSS and yet, God's LOVE for you is demonstrated most on the Cross.

*But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8*

Lessons from an Unjust Trial

- ❖ When Jesus returns, He will JUDGE the whole world justly.

For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. John 5:22-23

As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took His seat; His clothing was white as snow, and the hair of His head like pure wool; His throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before Him; a thousand thousands served Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. Daniel 7:9-10

- ❖ When Jesus judges, we will be SILENT before Him.

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. Romans 3:19

- ❖ When you are treated unjustly, don't RETALIATE—trust God.

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. 1Peter 2:21-23