



“Jesus Is Accused”

Luke 23:1-12

February 28, 2021

Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. Have you ever been falsely accused? Have you ever falsely accused someone else? How did this affect you?

QUICK REVIEW

It’s now hours before the crucifixion of Jesus. The Jewish authorities are advancing their plans to have Him executed. Putting the Gospel accounts together, we find that Jesus faces a series of six hearings. Three are at the hands of the religious leadership of Jerusalem, and three take place before the civil authorities. The trials will decide, from a human perspective, the fate of Jesus.

Luke now sets our attention on the civil trial. This morning we see the first two hearings, one before Pontius Pilate and another before Herod Antipas. In the midst of Pilate’s reluctance and Herod’s frivolity, we see the Sanhedrin level their accusation against Jesus.

Read Luke 23:1-12

The false witness against Jesus includes:

1. _____ accusation before a _____ authority. (23:1-5)
2. _____ accusation before a _____ authority. (23:6-12)

Was any point in this weekend’s message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read the text of the 9th Commandment in Exodus 20:16. What exact issue does it focus on? It's not the issue of dishonesty in general, but a particular form of dishonesty. What is it and why is it so serious?

2. Carefully consider the two following passages. What do they teach you about how seriously God takes this issue of bearing false witness?

Deuteronomy 19:15-21

Proverbs 6:16-19

3. The Great Sanhedrin was found bearing false witness against Christ on the highest holiday of Israel's worship. As the Body of Christ, we are called to an even higher standard. Read Ephesians 4:25-32. What practical instruction in this passage stands out for you to pursue in your relationships this week?
4. In what ways might Christians be tempted to bear false witness about Jesus in our day? Where might we compromise the truth about Him in order to please people? In what areas might you be tempted to say something about the Lord that is untrue?