

Jesus Before Pilate and Herod - Luke 22:66-23:25

Topics: Accusation, Answers, Blasphemy, Evidence, God, Injustice, Jesus Christ, Persecution, Pressure, Punishment, Rationalizing, Testing, Unfairness, Witnessing

Open It

1. What constitutes a fair trial in our legal system today?
2. What are some common ways people try to bend the rules?
- * 3. Why might a person try to influence the process of justice deceitfully?

Explore It

4. When did the events of this story take place? (22:66)
5. Who was first to question Jesus? (22:66)
6. How did Jesus respond to the question about His identity? (22:67-70)
7. Where was Jesus taken? (23:1)
- * 8. Of what was Jesus accused? (23:2)
9. How did Jesus respond to Pilate's question about His identity? (23:3)
- * 10. Of what did Pilate find Jesus guilty? (23:4)
11. How was Jesus treated throughout His trial? (23:5, 9-11)
12. For what reason did Pilate send Jesus to Herod? (23:5-7)
13. Why was Herod pleased to see Jesus? (23:8-9)
14. How did Pilate explain what he decided to do with Jesus? (23:13-16)
15. How did the crowds respond to Pilate's ruling? (23:18)
- * 16. In what way did popular pressure influence Pilate's decisions? (23:20-25)
17. What finally happened to Jesus at the conclusion of His trial? (23:25)

Get It

18. Why were the people, priests, and rulers so determined to put Jesus to death?
- * 19. What can we learn from studying Jesus' response to His accusers?
20. In what ways do you feel you have been mistreated because of your faith in Jesus Christ?
- * 21. How should Christians respond to unfair treatment?
22. How does Jesus' response to Pilate and Herod demonstrate for us how we should endure unjust use of authority?
23. What difference does it make that Jesus underwent humiliation and unfair treatment?

Apply It

24. In what way can you renew your resolve to serve Jesus, no matter what the cost?
- * 25. What do you want to remember the next time you receive unfair treatment or criticism?