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JESUS' UNFAIR TRIALS (Pt. 1)

FRIDAY: JESUS STANDS BEFORE ANNAS AND CAIAPHAS

1 - Standing Before Annas, The Former High Priest

- **Jesus Is Bound:**

¹²Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. ¹³And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year. (Jn. 18:12, 13)

- **Jesus Is Bullied:**

¹⁹The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine. ²⁰Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. ²¹"Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said". (Jn. 18:19-21)

- **Jesus Is Buffeted:**

²²And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do You answer the high priest like that?" (Jn. 18:22)

2 - Standing Before Caiaphas, The Current High Priest

(a) The Attempt

- **The Frantic Attempts:**

⁵⁹Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death. (Mt. 26:59)

- **The Futile Attempts:**

⁶⁰But found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward (Mt. 26:60) ⁵⁷Then some rose up and bore false witness against Him, saying, ⁵⁸"We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.' ⁵⁹"But not even then did their testimony agree. (Mk. 14:57-59)

(b) The Affirmation

⁶³But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!" ⁶⁴Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the power, and coming in the clouds of heaven". (Mt. 26:63, 64)

(c) The Accusation

⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! ⁶⁶"What do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death" (Mt. 26:65-66).

(d) The Assaults

⁶⁷Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands, ⁶⁸saying, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?" (Mt. 26:67, 68)

3 - Standing Before The Entire Sanhedrin

¹When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death. (Mt. 27:1)