

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* In our study of Matthew's account of the earthly life of the Messiah, we began three weeks ago focusing on the final phase of the book – The Sacrifice of the Messiah.
- \* Last week we considered the Rejection of the Messiah. In that account, three times Jesus referred to the fact that things were transpiring in such a way as to fulfill Scripture.
- \* We continue our study today with an examination of the Trials of the Messiah – before the Religious Leaders and before the Political Leader.

**INSTRUCTION****I. BEFORE THE COUNCIL – THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS (26:57-68; 27:1-2)**

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**A. The P \_\_\_\_\_ of the Witnesses (cf. v. 59-62; Deut 19:15-20; 1 Kings 21:7-16)****B. The P \_\_\_\_\_ of the Messiah (v. 63-64)**

1. THE C \_\_\_\_\_ OF CAIAPHAS' QUESTION (cf. Mt 16:16)
2. THE C \_\_\_\_\_ OF CAIAPHAS' QUESTION (v. 63-64)
  - a. The R \_\_\_\_\_ of the Messiah
  - b. The R \_\_\_\_\_ of the Messiah (cf. Daniel 7:13-14; Matt 24:30; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Rev1:7)

**C. The P \_\_\_\_\_ of the Council (v. 65-68; Psalm 2)**

1. THEIR C \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE MESSIAH (cf. 26:65-68)
2. THEIR C \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST THE MESSIAH (cf. 27:1-2, 20; 26:3-4,59; John 18:28)

**II. BEFORE THE GOVERNOR – THE POLITICAL LEADER (27: 1-2, 11-26)**

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**A. The I \_\_\_\_\_ of Pilate (27:11-14)**

1. JESUS' CONFIRMATION OF THE "CHARGE" (cf. John 18:33-36)
2. JESUS' SILENCE TO THE ACCUSERS (cf. Isaiah 53:7; 1 Peter 2:13-25; Proverbs 10:19; 13:3; 21:23)

**B. The I \_\_\_\_\_ of Pilate (27:15-23)****C. The C \_\_\_\_\_ of Pilate (27:24-26)**

1. HIS P \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE RIGHTEOUS ONE (cf. Luke 23:4,14-15; John 18:38; 19:4-6)
2. HIS C \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE RIGHTEOUS ONE

**INTROSPECTION**

- \* How do you respond when people revile you? Is there work to be done or sin to be confessed?
- \* Are you willing to ask God to assist you in your strength to stand ... and your ability to hold your tongue?
- \* Remember, Jesus had asked His disciples to pray with Him knowing He was getting ready to go through this trial. We ought to be praying faithfully for one another!
- \* Is there a need to change the way you think ... and therefore act?

**INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion***It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.*

- \* What can we do as a body to grow in our prayer life for one another?
- \* How can we grow in our consideration of the spiritual war that is going on in each of our lives (consider one-another)?