

# *Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship*



***“We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ.” Col 1:28***

***“The Murder of Jesus”***

***Part 9***

***“The Sanhedrin”***

***Luke 22:63-71***

July 14, 2024

# Passion Week

Month of Nisan  
1<sup>st</sup> month of Hebrew Calendar.  
(Exodus 12:2) (March/April)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>Jesus arrived in Bethany yesterday (Saturday), and on Sunday the crowds visit Jesus and Lazarus in Bethany, which upset the Jewish leaders (John 12:9-20).</p>	<p><b>Select the sacrificial lamb.</b> <i>Exodus 12:3 "On the <u>tenth</u> of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves..."</i></p> <p>Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey colt a.k.a. Palm Monday (John 12:12) also see Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-38; John 12:9-20)</p> <p>Jesus visits the temple, looked around, and heals many</p> <p>Jesus returns to Bethany for the evening</p>	<p>Jesus curses the Fig Tree (divine judgment re: Israel)</p> <p>Jesus cleanses the Temple again, He overturned tables, seats, and prevented people from using the temple as a shortcut</p> <p>Jesus' conversation with Greeks (John 12:20-36)</p> <p>God the Father audibly speaks, and everyone hears (John 12:28-33)</p> <p>Jesus talks about His coming death and the unbelief of the Jews</p>	<p>Withered Fig tree is seen again (Mark 11)</p> <p>Jesus teaches all day in the Temple grounds.</p> <p>Jewish leaders official challenge of Christ's authority</p> <p>Jesus tells parables to the chief priests, scribes and Pharisees on the Temple grounds</p> <p>Jewish leaders plot to kill Him</p> <p>Jesus teaches the Olivet Discourse to the Disciples See chapters Matthew 21-25; Mark 11-13; Luke 19-21; John 12</p>	<p>Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare for the Passover meal. Note: <i>Jews from Galilee (northern Israel) celebrate Passover on Thursday after sunset.</i></p> <p>Jesus &amp; disciples Last Supper</p> <p>The Upper Room Discourse and Jesus High Priestly Prayer</p> <p>Jesus and Disciples go to Mount of Olives (Garden of Gethsemane) overnight to pray. See chapters Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; John 13-18</p>	<p>Early am betrayal and arrest of Jesus</p> <p><b>6 Trials of Jesus</b> (3 Jewish then 3 Roman)</p> <p><b>The Passover day.</b> <i>Jews from Judea (southern Israel) would celebrate Passover on Friday.</i></p> <p><b>Sacrifice the lamb.</b> <i>Exodus 12:6 "You shall keep it until the <u>fourteenth day...to kill it at twilight</u>" and Deut 16:6</i></p> <p>Jesus is crucified. Jesus' body put in Joseph's tomb before sunset. Day 1.</p>	<p>Jesus' body in the tomb Day 2.</p> <p>Jewish Feast of Unleavened bread continues for 7 days</p>	<p>Jesus' body in the tomb Day 3.</p> <p>Jesus is resurrected</p> <p>Post-resurrection and appearances over the next 40 days to over 500 people</p>



**Note 1:**  
Biblical days don't start/end at midnight. See slide below for an explanation of Galilean and Judean start/end Sunrise/Sunset

**Note 2:**  
For details on what happened during the hours of Thursday and Friday see the below graphic

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- They had already decided the verdict – guilty, and the punishment – death.

**John 11:47**

53 So from that day on they planned together to kill Him.

- This then was made a capital trial by the Jews – punishable by death.
- This is the first physical beating of Jesus to take place.

# Christ's 6 Trials

Religious or Civil	Order	Scripture	Judge	Ruling
Religious-Jewish	1	John 18:12-14	Annas	Ok given to kill Jesus
Religious-Jewish	2	Matt. 26:57-68	Caiaphas	Blasphemy
Religious-Jewish	3	Matt. 27:1-2	Sanhedrin	Death sentence
Civil-Roman	4	John 18:28-38a	Pilate	No guilty
Civil-Roman	5	Luke 23:6-12	Herod	Not guilty
Civil-Roman	6	John 18:38b-19:16	Pilate	Not guilty but Jesus turned over to Jews

## **Trial #1**

### **John 18:12-13**

12 So the Roman cohort and the commander and the officers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him,

13 and led Him to **Annas** first; for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas,

## **Trial #2**

### **Matt 26:57**

57 Those who had seized Jesus led Him away to **Caiaphas**, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together.

## **Trial #3**

### **Matt 27:1**

1 Now when morning came, all the **chief priests and the elders** of the people conferred together against Jesus to put Him to death;

## **Trial #4**

### **John 18:28-29**

28 Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early; and they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the Passover.

29 Therefore **Pilate** went out to them

## **Trial #5**

### **Luke 23:6-7**

6 When Pilate heard it, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.

7 And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to **Herod**, who himself also was in Jerusalem at that time.

## **Trial #6**

### **Luke 23:11**

11 And Herod with his soldiers, after treating Him with contempt and mocking Him, dressed Him in a gorgeous robe and sent Him back to **Pilate**.



***The rules for a Jewish trial had 3 distinct purposes:*** 1. It was to be a public trial open to all. 2. There was to be a defense for the accused. 3. There needed to be at least two or three true witnesses for conviction.

### **The entire trial of Jesus was illegal:**

- **Bribery** – Judas, 2 witnesses.
- **Illegal Timing (of the trial)** - night
- **Illegal Location (of the trial)** - house
- **Lack of a Charge** – no charge
- **Lack of Defense** – no friend of Jesus was in court.
- **Lack of Evidence** – 0 evidence.
- **Abuse** – not allowed to assault the accused.
- **False Witnesses** – Jews brought 2 false witnesses.
- **Improper Prosecution** – witnesses must bring charges not Sanhedrin.
- **Forced Self-Incrimination** – the accused cannot self-incriminate.
- **Blasphemy** – Jesus could not be charged with a religious offence.
- **Ignoring the Evidence** – 0 evidence was provided.
- **Faulty Verdict** – was decided before the trial.
- **Hasty Sentence** – cannot carry out punishment on the same day of trial.
- **Murder** – with no evidence, this was flat out murder.

- i. According to Jewish law, all criminal trials must begin and end in the daylight. This second trial was necessary because they knew the first one – the real trial – had no legal standing.
- ii. According to Jewish law, only decisions made in the official meeting place were valid. The first trial was held at the home of Caiaphas, the high priest, so they called together this trial, held at their council.
- iii. According to Jewish law, criminal cases could not be tried during the Passover season.
- iv. According to Jewish law, only an acquittal could be issued on the day of the trial; guilty verdicts had to wait one night to allow for feelings of mercy to rise.
- v. According to Jewish law, all evidence had to be guaranteed by two witnesses, who were separately examined and could not have contact with each other.
- vi. According to Jewish law, false witness was punishable by death; nothing is done to the many false witnesses in Jesus' trial.
- vii. According to Jewish law, a trial always began by bringing forth evidence for the innocence of the accused before the evidence of guilt was offered; this was not the practice here.

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- Blindfolding made the blows doubly painful.
- The Jewish leadership turned this whole thing into a joke, a laughable comedy.
- In reality. They have no idea what they are doing.

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**Blaspheming** - βλασφημιο – speaking insults, and slander to revile and defame Jesus.

- We can only imagine all of the perverted, twisted, gross, filthy statements said against Jesus.

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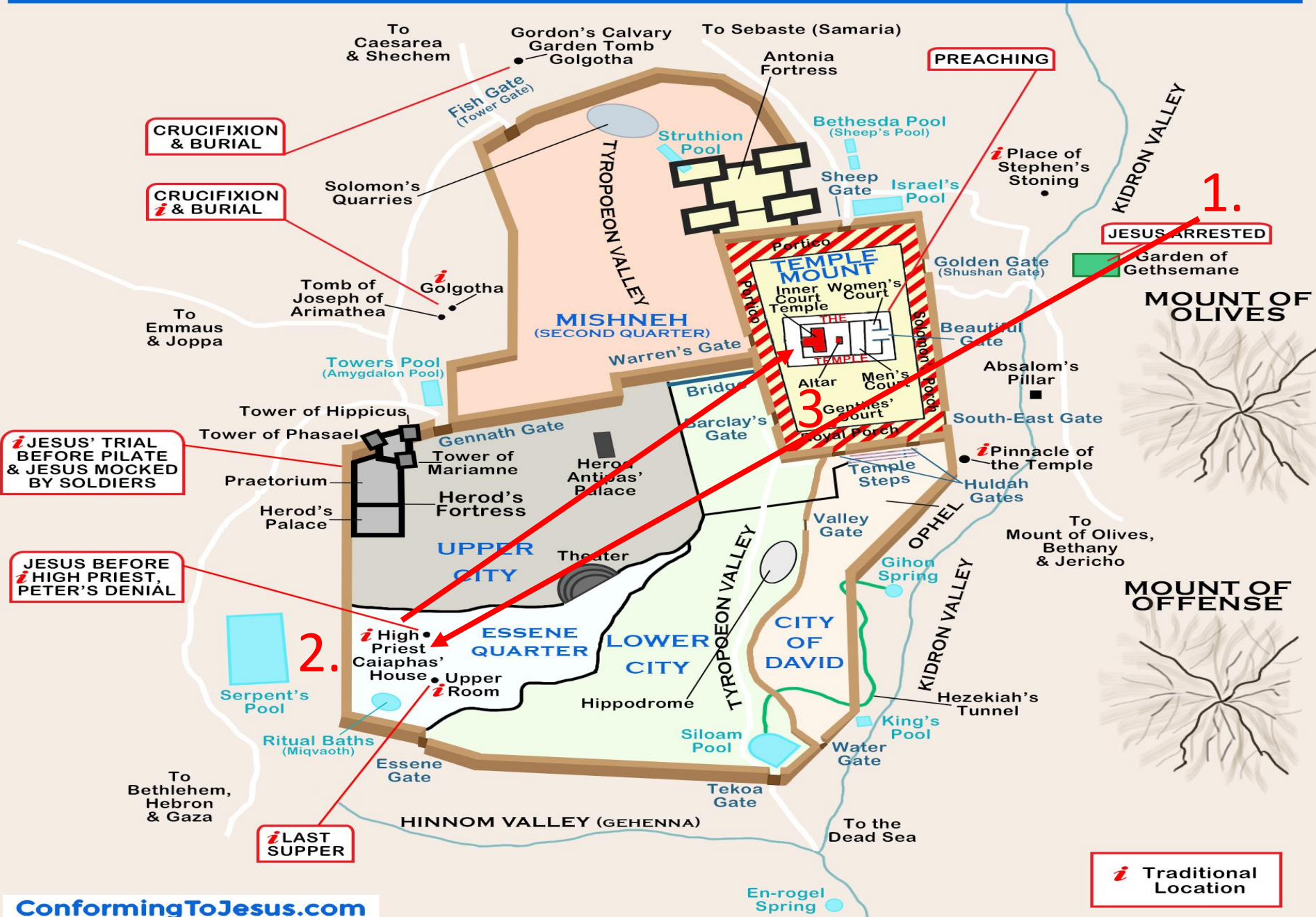
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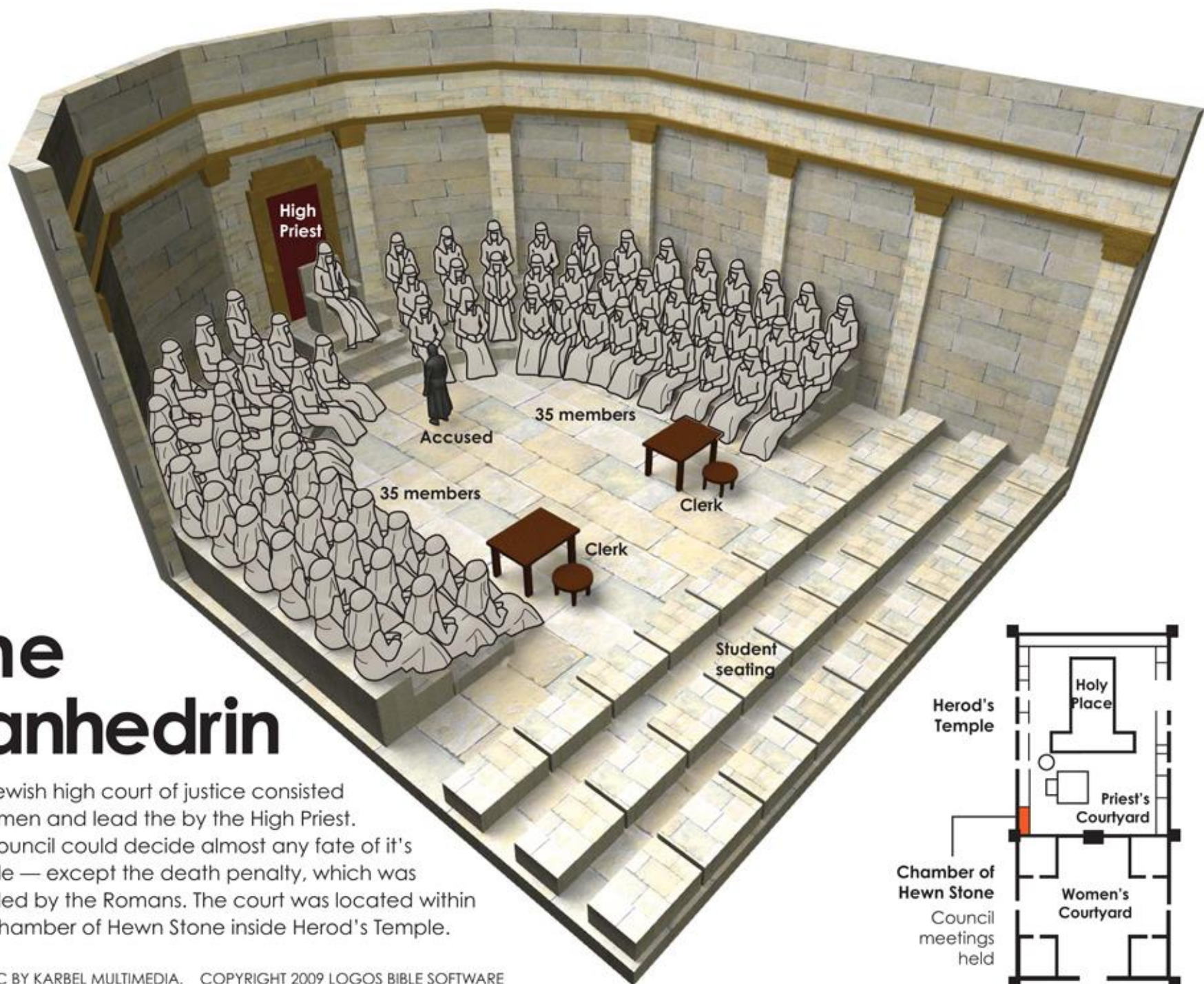
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- To make it look legal, they now gather during the day.
- But the verdict had already been decided.



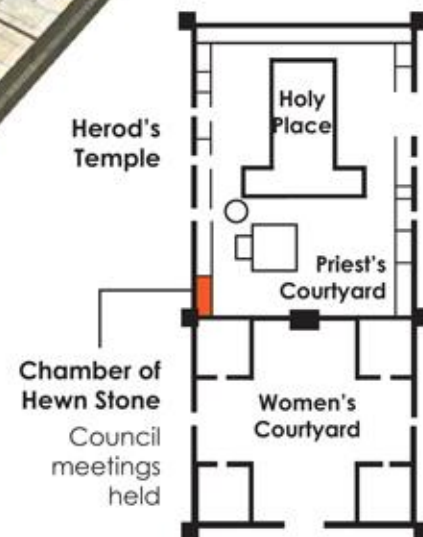
# JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF JESUS





# The Sanhedrin

The Jewish high court of justice consisted of 71 men and led by the High Priest. The council could decide almost any fate of its people — except the death penalty, which was decided by the Romans. The court was located within the Chamber of Hewn Stone inside Herod's Temple.



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- Jews are calling for self-incrimination here, which was illegal.
- **"If . . ."** and it is true that this is what you claim. 1<sup>st</sup> class conditional "if".
- Jesus knows this whole thing is a farce.
- The Jews are not looking for the truth.
- This is not a real trial.
- By these answers Jesus is exposing who they are and what they are doing.

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- "You Jews need to think about this . . ."
  1. I will be seated at God's right hand.
  2. This is where the power of God resides.
  2. This is the power to judge and condemn. You better be right.
- That should have at least caused them to pause when they heard this.

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- But no pause here. They are going for the juggler.
- There is no clearer statement in Scripture that Jesus is the Son of God, thus making Him God.
- For the Jews, this is the million dollar question.
- They get a “yes” here, and it is over. We’ve got Him.
- Jesus lays it right out there for them.



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- They needed no more proof.
- No further questions. We rest our case.
- It is time to now go to the Romans and convince them that He is a threat to Caesar. Get a verdict. Commit murder.

# Application

1. All of the hatred, mocking, and perversion of who Jesus is originates from the pit of hell.
2. Man-made religion, under the appearance of those who are “God worshippers” and “Bible followers”, can be the greatest antagonists against the truth.
3. Someday these pretenders within religion will come to the realization of who the person of Christ is, but it will be too late and the power of God through His wrath and justice will be displayed in their final court appearance at the Great White Throne Judgment.