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Christ Tried Illegally for Me

Luke 22:54, 63-71; 23:7, 11, 13-24

I. The Illegalities of Christ’s Trials

A. Two trials with 6 presentations

1. Religious Jewish Trial

2. Civil trial – Rome

B. Pilate seeks to release Jesus due to His innocence (Jn. 18:33-40; 19:12).

C. The Jews seek the crucifixion despite the civil court’s conclusion (Lk. 23:20-25).

D. Pilate caves in to the wishes of the people (Lk. 23:25).

E. 12 of the 30 reasons Christ’s trials were illegal:

1. There weren’t any formal charge prior to His arrest.

2. The priests themselves were present when Christ was arrested.

3. His arrested was at night.

4. This court was held the day before a Sabbath day.

5. The court trial was held during the night.

6. There were two false witnesses and they did not agree.

7. They used Christ’s own words to incriminate Him.

8. Jesus’ own defense was not considered.

9. The sentence was passed in an illegal place.

10. It was obvious the priests/judges were biased before the trial began.

11. The court changed the charges from blasphemy to treason before they reached Pilate.

12. The vote for Christ’s guilt was 100% which under Jewish law was prohibited.

II. Why the Illegalities?

A. A legal trial would have proven Him innocent.

B. Sin began with deception, it only seems appropriate that deception would be involved in His trials.

C. When man forces his “godhood” on God, he is trying to manipulate God into man’s kingdom.

D. The Roman trials were used to establish His holiness.

E. In actuality, man placed himself on trial through Christ.

F. His death by shed blood was necessary (Heb. 9:22).

G. This illegal trial demonstrated how desperate man was to rid themselves of Christ

H. In the first three court presentations who Jesus was, was clarified and established.

I. In the last three presentations, His holiness was established.

J. Since He is perfect the only way He could be crucified was by an illegal trial.

K. As a result of these many violations, man merely further incriminated himself before God and himself.

III. THANK YOU…

A. For being willing to endure this gross unfairness.

B. For being that perfect sacrifice/substitute.

C. For being willing to endure the physical pain on my behalf

D. For being willing to endure the emotional pain from the separation with His father.

E. For being willing to endure my shame

F. For being willing to endure the crucifixion.

G. For being willing to endure these horrible trials to secure my redemption.