

The Trial: Part 1

John 18.19-24

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Introduction

- John skips the trip to Herod
- John is there because he was known to the high priest

Main Points: the ignorance of unbelief

1. Annas questions Jesus about his disciples and his teaching
 - All of this was already known – vs. 19-20
 - ...the questions of Annas about Jesus' disciples and his teaching are likely to be linked with the tradition perpetuated in the Talmud that Jesus was convicted of being a false prophet (note the citation from *Sanh.* 43a cited on p. 319). The mark of the false prophet is that he “secretly entices” or “leads astray” the people to apostatize from the God of Israel, the punishment for which is death (see Deut 13:1–10). It looks as if Annas was endeavoring to make Jesus incriminate himself on this issue. Jesus sees through this attempt and declares that his teaching of the people has been in public places, in the temple, and in synagogues, not in secret...¹
2. Jesus makes an appeal for witnesses
 - Who and what testifies on behalf of Jesus? – vs. 21
 - John the Baptist
 - His works: the signs/miracles/healings/exorcisms/resurrection

¹ Beasley-Murray, G. R. (1999). [John](#) (Vol. 36, pp. 324–325). Dallas: Word, Incorporated. ¹ John 5.31-40

² Kruse, C. G. (2003). [John: an introduction and commentary](#) (Vol. 4, p. 350). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

- The Father – YHWH himself (at the baptism and transfiguration)
 - The Scriptures²
 - No one can be put to death without multiple eye witness accounts
 - Mark 14.55-59
 - Deuteronomy 17.6
3. Is this how you treat THE High Priest
 - Everyone recognized this for what it was which incited the next action – vs. 22
 - Jesus is the real High Priest
 - Hebrews 2.17; 4.14; 6.20; 7-9
 - Acts 23.2-3
 - Leviticus 19.15; Deuteronomy 25.1-2
 4. Jesus is bound, and sent to Caiaphas
 - Annas had no answer to Jesus' challenge to the legality of the treatment meted out to him, and therefore Jesus emerged as the winner in this episode of challenge and riposte—he had not been shamed by Annas or his officials. *Then Annas sent him, still bound, to Caiaphas the high priest.* This appears to be a tacit recognition that they had no case against him.³ – vs. 24
 - Ironically, Jesus who came to set captives free (Luke 4.18) is bound
 - One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose, over death He had conquered
Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep

³ Kruse, C. G. (2003). [John: an introduction and commentary](#) (Vol. 4, p. 350). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

Him

From rising again

Conclusion

- Psalm 33.5 -- The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.
- The ignorance of unbelief is a matter of the will
 - These people didn't believe in Jesus because they didn't want to
 - The evidence was in
- God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. – 2Corinthians 5.21
- Psalm 33.5 -- The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Amen.

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