

# A Trail of Trials

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Luke 22:54-23:25

**How should trials and  
persecution effect me  
and how should I  
respond to them?**

# The Day's Journey

*Annas* questions Jesus' teaching.

John 18:12-13,19-24

*Caiaphas* searches for false testimony;  
"Blasphemy!"

Matthew 26:57-67, Mark 14:53-65,

Luke 22:54,66-71, John 18:24

# The Day's Journey (cont.)

*Pilate* (1<sup>st</sup> appearance) – “Are You the King of the Jews?”

Matthew 27:1-2,11-14, Mark 15:1-5,  
Luke 23:1-5, John 18:28-38

*Herod Antipas* – “Show me a miracle!”

Luke 23:6-11

# The Day's Journey (cont.)

*Pilate* (2<sup>nd</sup> appearance) – “I find no fault  
In Him!”, “Jesus or Barabbas?”

Matthew 27:15-31, Mark 15:6-20

Luke 23:13-25, John 18:38b-19:16

# Illegally Tried

- Charges were not brought; there was no indictment.
- Trial was held at night.
- Death sentence was given immediately.
- Capital punishment was given by a Gentile, Pilate.
- Conspiracy Matthew 26:57

# False Accused

- Looking for perjurers.

Matthew 26:59-60, Mark 14:55-56a

- Inconsistent testimony

Matthew 26:60b-61, Mark 14:56b-59

- No time or date was given as testimony.

# Unjustly Abused

- By the religious leaders

Matthew 26:65-68, Mark 14:63-65

Luke 22:63-65

- By the government leaders

Matthew 27:27-31, Mark 15:16-20,

Luke 23:11, John 19:1-3

- By the crowds “Crucify Him!”



# Principles to Learn

1. Spiritual persecution is no respecter of believers.
2. God can use any evil man has planned and glorify Himself ... Sovereignty.
3. Persecution is an opportunity to make Him known.
4. Life simply is not fair.

# Applications

1. Recognize trials as an opportunity to increase my dependence on God.
2. Recognize persecution as an attack from the enemy.
3. To combat spiritual persecution, I must be spiritually prepared.
4. Proclaim the truth.