

OVERCOMING TRIALS OF DENIALS AND BEGUILERS
Sermon Outline & Devotional Guide
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- + Matthew 10:39, *If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for Me, you will find it*" (NLT).
- + Mark 8:35, *"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it"* (NASB)

When Your Back Is Pushed Against The Wall . . .

1. Who do you look to for _____? (John 18:4-8).
 - + James 2:19, *"You believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror"* (NLT).
2. Who do you allow to _____ you? (John 18:4-8).
 - + 2 Corinthians 5:17, *This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"* (NLT).
3. Who do you look to for _____? (John 18:9).
 - + John 18:12-14, *"So the soldiers, their commanding officer, and the Temple guards arrested Jesus and tied him up. ¹³First they took him to Annas, since he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest at that time. ¹⁴Caiaphas was the one who had told the other Jewish leaders, 'It's better that one man should die for the people'"* (NLT).

9 Old Testament & Jewish Laws Annas, Caiaphas & The Sanhedrin Broke to Put Jesus On Trial

1. They did not have the right number of _____ in the trials.
2. The witnesses were not in _____.
3. The _____ kept changing from trial to trial.
4. The law stated that no man charged with a capital crime, one deserving of death, could be arrested at _____. Jesus was.
5. If a man was arrested for a capital crime, no one who cooperated in the arrest could in any way be _____ with the accused. Judas was.
6. No trial could be held at _____ so that all would be in the light and open to all to see.
7. No Jewish court was to _____ pass judgment on a capital crime. They were to wait _____ days to see if any wished to express compassion.
8. Witnesses had to be called and questioned _____ an arrest could be made. The first thing Annas does is question Jesus prior to questioning any witnesses. Violation of Jewish law.
9. No questions could be asked of the accused that might cause that person to _____ himself/herself.

The Six Illegal Trials Of Jesus

1. The first one illegal trial is before _____. We read about this in John 18:12-23. There were no specific charges..
2. We read about this second trial before _____, the high priest, in Matthew 26:57-68; Mark 14:53-65' and John 18:24.
3. We read about the third illegal trial with the _____ in Mark 15:1 and Luke 22:66-71. The Sanhedrin was the Jewish Supreme Court that consisted of 73 men. These first 3 trial were all Jewish or religious trials
4. We read about the 4th illegal trial with _____ in Matthew 27:11-14; Mark 15:2-5; Luke 23:1-7 and John 18:28-38.
5. The fifth illegal trial was with _____ and we see this in Luke 23:8-12 and there were no specific charges. This was a trial that proved the _____ of the accused and the _____ of the accusers.

6. We read about the 6th trial with _____ in Matt. 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-16; Luke 23:13-25, & John 18:39-19:16. The last 3 trials were political trials by Rome.

- But notice, God took an unfair trial, held by unrighteous people, and used it to accomplish His _____ – Jesus going to the cross.
- There's a verdict in all of this. It comes even before the trials are finished. Jesus is _____.
- The main reason people reject Christ is we don't want to _____.

Why Did Peter Deny Jesus 3 Times? Possibly Because of . . .

(a) _____ > Why? _____ plan and _____ plan did not match.
(b) _____ > Why? The fear of the _____ can be terrifying.
(c) _____ > Why? His greatest weakness was the inability to _____ his greatest weakness.

- What these remind us is that when we are at our height spiritually, we are vulnerable to not _____ Jesus, but to _____ from Jesus. We are vulnerable not to _____ upon Jesus, but to _____ Jesus.
- Look at John 18:29-31, 33-35, 38.

Pilate Revealed 4 Important Truths About Himself In His 4 Questions To Jesus

(a) When Pilate asks, "Are You the King of the Jews?" He confesses his _____ (vs. 33)
(b) When he says, "Do you think I am a Jew?" He confesses his _____ (vs. 34).
(c) When Pilate asked "What is it that you've done?" Pilate confessed his _____ (Matt. 27:19).
(d) When Pilate asked, "What is truth?", he confessed his _____ (vs. 38).

Jesus Spoke Truths To Pilate

(a) I am a King but My kingdom is _____, not _____.
(b) I am a King who came to tell the _____ because I am the _____ Truth.
(c) I am a King who has been _____ by My own chosen people to be their Messiah. The verdict is in about Jesus. He is _____.

Next Steps Devotional Guide

1. Do you really want to change for Christ? Do you honestly recognize and admit your greatest weakness?
2. When you are at your most success, do you trust Jesus or turn away from Him? Depend on Him or deny Him?
3. Are you ever like Pilate — you confess your knowledge of Jesus, your prejudice against Jesus and your cynicism of His call on your life?
4. When do your doubts, fears and pride cause you to deny Jesus?
5. Is your relationship of Christ one of questioning Him or trusting Him consistently? Why?
6. Moses pridefully battled anger. David pridefully battled lust. Solomon pridefully battled pride. Abraham pridefully battled self-sufficiency. Noah pridefully battled own persistence. Recognizing your greatest weakness is how you turn it into a strength. What is yours and how do you battle it and take this to the Lord?