

LUKE Lesson 59

The Trial of the Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 22:63-71)

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64-65 Men smote the Lord Jesus, blindfolded Him, struck Him on the face, mocked Him, and spoke many blasphemies against Him. One day these men will find out who He really is.

He is Almighty God in a body of flesh (1 Timothy 3:16).

He is the Creator (John 1:3, 10, Heb 1:2-3, Eph 3:9, Col 1:16-17).

He has the power to destroy all His enemies (Rev 19:15, 21, 2 Thes 2:8, Num 16:31-35, 2 Ki 1:10).

He had the power to ascend to Heaven or call upon legions of angels (Jn 6:62, 20:17, Mt 26:53).

Why did He take the beating? Because He was taking our place. He was wounded for our transgressions (Isa 53:5) for the joy that was set before Him; the redemption and reconciliation of lost men and women (Heb 12:2). He was marred more than any man (Isa 52:13-15, 50:6) and shed His blood to pay for the sins of the world (Matt 26:28, Gal 1:4, 1 Jn 2:2).

Vs 66 Jesus spent all night in Jerusalem enduring this cruel treatment. In the morning he was led into a religious council. A council is always mentioned in a negative context in the New Testament (Mt 12:14, Mt 26:59, Mark 14:55, Acts 5:27-28, 6:12-13).

Vs 67 The council members asked Jesus if He is the Christ. Jesus withheld that truth from them because He knew they wouldn't receive it. It is the Lord's will for men to have the truth (1 Tim 2:4), but He does not cast His pearls before swine (Mt. 7:6). These men weren't really interested in truth.

Vs 68 Jesus knew there was no answer He could give these wicked men that would cause them to let Him go. They'd been planning His death for a long time (Jn 11:53) and they were determined that this was the day.

69-71 When the council asked the Lord Jesus if He was the Son of God, He sealed His fate with these words: **"Ye say that I am."** Matthew records it like this: **"Thou hast said" (Mt. 26:64)**. Today we would say, "You said it!"

With these words, the enemies of Christ understood that He was claiming to be the very same **"I AM"** that spoke to Moses from the burning bush (Exod 3:13-14). They knew He was making Himself equal with God (**John 5:17-18**).

In Mark **16:61-62**, when the high priest asked Jesus, “**Art thou the Christ, the Son of the blessed?**” Jesus said, “**I am.**” The high priest ripped his clothes, accused Jesus of blasphemy and they all condemned Him to death.

Jesus Christ clearly claimed to be Almighty God. You can’t object to that and still say He was a “*great man*” or a “*wonderful teacher.*” If He was a liar and a blasphemer, he’s not either of those things. You cannot deny the deity of Jesus Christ and claim to be a believer.

Jesus was proven to be the sinless Son of God by His resurrection (Rom 1:4). If He was a sinner, he could not have conquered death (Rom 3:23, 6:23). We must acknowledge “**that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world**” (Jn 4:42) and receive His forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life.
