

<p>Introduction: <i>The Trial Begins</i> - The plot to kill Jesus started in Matthew 26:1-5. The Jewish justice system was prided on fairness and mercy, cf. Dt. 16:18-20. The Sanhedrin (local and national) were men of high esteem. The council was to guard against false testimony, cf. Dt. 19:16-19. In capital cases the witness was to stand behind his testimony, cf. Dt. 17:7. The law required that a death sentence could not be carried out for three days. Witnesses had to have great details, women or children weren't allowed to testify. The Judicial System - It was a fair and honest system and merciful. But when the trial of Jesus came, the Sanhedrin violated every single principal of jurisprudence.</p>		
<p>Five aspects of this illegal and unjust trial:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Convening of the Sanhedrin. 2. Conspiracy to convict Jesus without evidence. 3. Confrontation to inflict self incrimination. 4. Condemnation based on false testimony and false charges. 5. The conduct of the court in physical and verbal abuses. 	<p>Pt. 1 - The Illegal Convening - Annas (John 18:13) and Caiaphas (Annas son n law)*</p> <p>1A - The political corruption of the office.</p> <p>1B - Peter (and others) were outside.</p>	<p>Pt. 2 - The Illegal Conspiracy Against Jesus.</p> <p>2A - The council could only act as a judge, not bring charges.</p> <p>2B - They needed false testimony. Even their false testimony was not right, cf. Mark 14:56.</p> <p>2C - John 2:19 is what Jesus said, but they lied about what He said, cf. vs. 61, Mark 14:58.</p>
<p>Pt. 3 - Confrontation To Induce Self-Incrimination - 3A - Tried to finish trial before dawn.</p> <p>3B - They wanted Him to violate Lev. 24:16.</p> <p>3C - His silence and the badgering of the high priest. NOTE: Adjure means to "put under an oath."</p> <p>3D - Jesus affirmed who He was (vs. 64), cf. Mark 14:62</p>	<p>Pt. 4 - The Illegal Condemnation Of Jesus (Vs. 65-66) - No mercy, no votes, nothing. This ignored all the principals of the council. They had closed their minds to the truth. Not that they found the evidence untrue or unconvincing, but they refused to accept it at all.</p> <p>4B - The no mercy response - He deserves death!</p> <p>They violated every single law. A man named Joseph did not vote nor agree, cf. Luke 23:50-52.</p> <p>4C - The guilty verdict was not based on facts, but a senseless mob reaction where the truth was exposed.</p>	<p>Pt. 5 - The Illegal Conduct Of The Court - To spit in someones face was the ultimate insult.</p> <p>5A - Others (less rowdy) slapped Him and verbally insulted Him, cf. Luke 22:64-65.</p> <p>5B - The true blasphemers were the accusers.</p> <p>5C - Israel would suffer and hundreds of thousands would die in AD70.</p>
<p>Application/Conclusion: The truth will always be offensive, cf. Galatians 4:16. Laws and rules are ignored when you don't want to believe the truth. Every person who rejects Christ, essentially spits in His face. All those who misjudge Christ, will stand before Him and be judged. Throughout this ordeal, He uttered no threats and did not revile in return. All of this while suffering, cf. 1 Peter 2:23-25.</p>		