

I. The mistreatment of Jesus by the guards

- A. Jesus allowed himself to be mocked

“He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. On the third day will rise again.” (Luke 18:32-33)

- B. Jesus allowed himself to be beaten

II. The trial before the Sanhedrin

- A. They rejected Jesus as the Christ- the Messiah

- B. They rejected Jesus as the Son of Man – Exalted

“I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” (Acts 7:56)

- C. They rejected Jesus as the Son of God – Divine

“Who do you say that I am? Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.’” (Matthew 16:15-16)

III. The first trial before Governor Pilate

- A. Jesus was falsely accused

- B. Jesus admitted the he was the King

- C. Jesus is found innocent

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” (1 Peter 2:22)

- D. Pilate gives in to the pressure of people

IV. The trial before King Herod

- A. Herod was curious but not repentant

- B. Herod questioned Jesus with no response

- C. Herod had a hardened heart

- D. Jesus submitted to mockery in silent majesty

“He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, he did not open his mouth.” (Isaiah 53:7)

V. The second trial before Governor Pilate

- A. Pilate found Jesus innocent of all charges
- B. The people rejected the compromise of punishment
- C. The people rejected the offer of a prisoner release
- D. Pilate gave in to the people and released a guilty Barabbas
- E. Pilate gave in to the people and condemned an innocent Jesus

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)