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THE
MAN!

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THE SIX TRIALS OF JESUS

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS	
Event	Approximate Time
Prayer and agony at Gethsemane (Matthew, Mark, Luke)	1:00 a.m.
Betrayal by Judas and arrest of Jesus (Mark 14:43–46; John 18:12)	1:30 a.m.
Irregular, unauthorized inquiry at Annas's residence (John 18:13–23)	2:00 a.m.
Unofficial trial at Caiaphas's residence (Matthew 26:57–68; John 18:24)	3:00 a.m.
Formal, official trial before Sanhedrin in their chamber to confirm capital sentence (Mark 15:1; Luke 22:66–71)	6:00 a.m. ("when it was day")
First interrogation by Pilate at official residence (Matthew 27:1–2, 11–14; Luke 23:1–7; John 18:28–38)	6:30 a.m. ("when morning had come . . . and it was early")
Audience/mockery before Herod (Luke 23:8–12)	7:00 a.m.
Final judgment of Pilate (All Gospels)	7:30 a.m.
Scourging in Praetorium (All Gospels)	8:00 a.m.
Nailing of hands and feet to the cross (All Gospels)	9:00 a.m. ("it was the third hour")
Darkness (Matthew, Mark, Luke)	12:00 Noon ("when the sixth hour had come, darkness fell")
Death of Jesus (All Gospels)	3:00 p.m. ("and at the ninth hour")
<i>In less than twenty-four hours, Jesus goes from arrest to execution.</i>	

THE TRIALS OF JESUS CHRIST

Trial	Officiating Authority	Scripture	Accusation	Legality	Type	Result
1	Annas, ex-high priest of the Jews (AD 6-15)	John 18:13-23	Trumped-up charges of irreverence to Annas.	ILLEGAL! Held at night. No specific charges. Prejudice. Violence.	Jewish and Religious	Found guilty of irreverence and rushed to Caiaphas.
2	Caiaphas—Annas's son-in-law—and the Sanhedrin (AD 18-36)	Matthew 26:57-68 Mark 14:53-65 John 18:24	Claiming to be the Messiah, the Son of God—blasphemy (worthy of death under Jewish law).	ILLEGAL! Held at night. False witnesses. Prejudice. Violence.	Jewish Religious	Declared guilty of blasphemy and rushed to the Sanhedrin (supreme court).
3	The Sanhedrin—seventy ruling men of Israel (their word was needed before He could be taken to Roman officials).	Mark 15:1a Luke 22:66-71	Claiming to be the Son of God—blasphemy.	ILLEGAL! Accusation switched. No witnesses. Improper voting.	Jewish and Religious	Declared guilty of blasphemy and rushed to Roman official, Pilate.
4	Pilate, governor of Judea, who was already in "hot water" with Rome (AD 26-36).	Matthew 27:11-14 Mark 15:1b-5 Luke 23:1-7 John 18:28-38	Treason (accusation was changed, since treason worthy of capital punishment in Rome).	ILLEGAL! Christ was kept under arrest, although He was found innocent. No defense attorney. Violence.	Roman and Civil	Found innocent . . . but rushed to Herod Antipas; mob over-ruled Pilate.
5	Herod Antipas, governor of Galilee (4 BC-AD 39).	Luke 23:8-12	No accusation was made.	ILLEGAL! No grounds. Mockery in courtroom. No defense attorney. Violence.	Roman and Civil	Mistreated and mocked; returned to Pilate without decision made by Herod.
6	Pilate (second time).	Matthew 27:15-26 Mark 15:6-15 Luke 23:18-25 John 18:29-19:6	Treason, though not proven (Pilate bargained with the mob, putting Christ on a level with Barrabas, a criminal)	ILLEGAL! Without proof of guilt, Pilate allowed an innocent man to be condemned.	Roman and Civil	Found innocent, but Pilate "washed his hands" and allowed Him to be crucified.