

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: JESUS IN COURT

Main Text: Matthew 27:11-23

Sermon Description: The claims of Christ were in conflict with the claims of the leaders of His day, particularly and especially the chief priests and elders of the people who took counsel together intending to destroy Him (v:1). Their intentions are behind Jesus' trial and the progression of events mentioned in verse one is picked up in verse 11 and following. Prompted by a question as to His kingship by governor Pilate, Jesus gives a simple four word answer in the affirmative: "you have said so". John 18 expounds on this moment as Christ proclaimed the superior nature and authority of His kingdom to a lesser king. Some have sought to show that Jesus was minimizing His claims, tempering them under the pressure of legal interrogation. Matthew Henry begs to differ stating: "Before Pilate, He witnessed a good confession, and was not ashamed to own Himself a king, though it looked ridiculous, nor afraid, though at this time it was dangerous." In these latter Gospel chapters, Christ's confessions are relevant and pointed. Before the religious council He confesses Himself the Messiah and before the civil court He confesses Himself king! Matthew Henry further observes by historical pattern: "... it has often been, the hard fate of Christ's holy religion unjustly to fall under the suspicions of the civil powers, as if it were hurtful to kings and provinces, whereas it tends mightily to the benefit of both."

Heading: GOSPEL FULFILLMENT IN REAL TIME EVENTS...

1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS (Mat 27:11-14)

- a. Standing trial (Mt 25:31-46)
- b. Prosecution (Luke 23:2)
- c. Defense (Is 53:7-8, Ps 50:3)

2. PARDON NEGOTIATIONS (Mat 27:15-19)

- a. Barabbas (Luke 23:19, Jn 18:40)
- b. Motives
- c. Misgivings

3. VERDICT AD-POPULUM (Mat 27:20-23)

- a. Primary influences (Deut 17:8-9)
- b. Conviction
- c. Crucifixion

4. TEXTUAL APPLICATIONS

- a. Sin (Acts 3:14-15)
- b. Suffering (I Pet 2:23)
- c. Resolve (I Tim 6:11-13)

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Legal proceedings	Pardon negotiations	Verdict	Sin	Suffering	Resolve
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Mt 27:11-14	15-19	20-23	Acts 3:14-15	I Pet 2:23	I Tim 6:11-13

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: Guest speaker: *Pastor Joe Reed ...I John 1:1-4...*