

# God's Ultimate Sacrifice

## John 19

There has been a lot of famous trials. There was the Ted Bundy Case (1978), The O.J. Simpson Case (1994) the trial of the century, Michael Jackson Case. Trial of Scott Peterson. The Casey Anthony Trial. There are a lot of very famous celebrity trials. But none of them compare to the circus that surrounded the trials of Jesus.

### 1. The Trial of Jesus -- Shows Us God's Purpose.

#### A. Truth: He gave up his life voluntarily & intentionally.

John 10:18, *"No one can kill Me without My consent. I lay down My life voluntarily for I have the right and the power to lay it down when I want to and also the right and the power to take it again. For the Father has given Me this right."*

John 12 *"Now My soul is troubled and distressed. And what shall I say? Father save Me from this hour of trial and agony? But it was for this very purpose that I have come to this hour."*

#### What was that purpose?

John 12:47, *Jesus said, 'I did not come to judge the world, but to save it.'*  
Jesus said this is why I came – to save the world.

#### B. Actually, Jesus was rushed thru six trials in about 8 hours:

Three Jewish trials and three Roman trials.

1. **Annas** *key religious leader*
2. **Caiaphas** *high priest*
3. **Religious Supreme Court** *"Sanhedrin"*
4. **Pilate** *governor of Judea*
5. **Herod** *governor of Galilee*
6. **Pilate** *again*

**After 6 trials what did they come up with? *Nothing!***

**John 19:4**, Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews gathered there, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him."

#### C. Finally, they made ONE accusation that was true!

**John 19:7**, The Jewish leaders insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

Think about this: Jesus never claimed to be...*just a good teacher.. a prophet.. a moral leader.. a man of God.* But He did claimed To Be GOD! It's not like there's a whole lot of options here.

If anybody ever comes up to you and claims to be God, you only have three options.

1. He is crazy.
2. He's a con man.
3. He's telling the truth.

I hear people say, "I don't believe Jesus was God. I think He was a good, religious, moral teacher." He couldn't be. Good teachers don't walk around saying, "I'm God. You must worship Me."

**He's the Lord, ... He's a liar. ... He's a lunatic.**  
**He's a deceiver, ... He's delusional. ... He's deity**

The trial shows us God's purpose. God says, I'm sending My Son to die for you.

## **II. The sufferings of Jesus -- demonstrates God's Passion for you!**

- **Blindfolded & Beaten. "Who hit you Jesus?"**

**John 19:1, Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.**

The Roman guards covered Him with a blindfold and they began to beat Him. "Who hit You, Jesus?" They'd spit on Him, "Who spit on You, Jesus?" They'd slap Him, "Who slapped You, Jesus? If You're really God, tell us who did this!"

- **Mocked/Ridiculed - Crown of thorns / beard plucked**

**John 19:2—3, The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe<sup>3</sup> and went up to him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they slapped him in the face.**

Then just to mock Him they said, "Oh, You're the king of the Jews. You need a crown." They made a crown of rose thorns. They crammed it down on His head so that the thorns would go into His skull, into His scalp. He began to bleed.

- **"Scourged" - no mere whipping.**

A scourge was a whip. At the end of it was a cat-of-nine-tails. It had nine different pieces of leather coming out. At the end of that leather, they would tie either bits of bone to rip a person's flesh out or lead to bruise a person's flesh.

Every time you gave one strike with the scourge, it left nine marks on the body – every time. One scourge would be nine marks. It would pull out the flesh, pull out the skin and it would bruise.

### III. The Death of Jesus --Shows God's Price for Us

**John 19:17-18**, Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

#### **Forced To Carry Heavy Cross Up The Hill. *Fell- Simon***

Under the load of all of this that had happened they said, “Now You’ll carry Your cross up the mountain.” He picks up the heavy cross and begins to carry it up to Golgotha. He collapses under the cross. They get a man out of the crowd, a stranger named Simon of Cyrene.

#### **Crucified - pull arm out of joint**

When they get to the top of the hill, they lay the cross back. They stretch Jesus out. They would nail the man’s arm to the cross. Then because the other arm wouldn’t reach as far they’d put a rope around the other arm and stretch the arm, pull at it, usually dislocating the shoulder so that it would be stretched, totally stretched out as far as you could be.

#### **Crucifixion= death by suffocation**

The Romans didn’t want it to be that easy. What they would do is take a person’s legs, bend them at the knees, and nail the feet to the cross. Why would they do that? Because you would breathe in, until the pain in your lungs began to be *unbearable!* And you would stand up on your feet that were nailed on the cross to exhale. You would hold that position until the pain in your feet would be unbearable and you would let yourself down again.

#### **Why did Jesus have to die?**

- o *All have sinned*
- o Justice demands payment! “wages” *We all deserve..*
- o Somebody had to pay for your sins! *You* or someone else!
- o Good News- Everything you’ve ever done wrong- *PAID FOR!*
- *IT is finished!*

**John 19:30**, When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

He didn’t say, “I am finished.” It said “It is finished.”  
The payment for all your sins, the plan of salvation has been paid for.