



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

March 26, 2023
Luke 22:66-23:25
“The Trial of Jesus”

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. Opener: The last few weeks we have seen Jesus betrayed and denied by his own followers. This week we turn to disrespect and injustice from greater society. What are the three instances of injustice outlined in this week's text?
2. Before the council, Jesus clearly reveals his identity as the Christ, Son of Man, and Son of God, which in turn reveal him as King, Savior, and Lord. What does the continual questioning of the Jewish council reveal about the state of their hearts?
 - a. How does understanding each of these aspects of Jesus's identity shape the way we live?
3. The council needed to build a case against Jesus to bring him before Pilate. Unfortunately, this meant their claims were riddled with false claims and partial truths. What are some personal examples of when you may have communicated false or partial truths to further a personal agenda?
4. Jesus's appearance before Herod leads to mockery and injustice. Jesus is declared innocent twice, yet the mockery and trial continues. What kind of emotions does the treatment of Jesus incite in your heart?
 - a. How does this passage move you to respond to injustice seen in our communities, especially amongst those who are less fortunate?
 - b. What are some passages of Scripture that come to mind that instruct Christians on how to respond to the mocked, scorned, and struggling of society?
5. Where are you most likely to experience the kind of mockery or shaming that Jesus experienced from the chief priests (23:10), soldiers (23:11) and Herod (23:11-12)?
 - a. What gospel truths can help us endure those experiences?
6. Though seemingly unfair, what does the sentencing of Jesus reveal to you about the Sovereignty of God? How does this comfort you in times where you feel you have been wronged, treated unfairly or misrepresented?
7. Though woefully wrong, the release of Barabbas paints a beautiful picture of pardon and grace. God uses this outcome to continue revealing His nature. How does the release of Barabbas soften your heart towards those around you who don't know Jesus or might be antagonistic towards him?
 - a. As a growth group, begin sharing the names of people who need to hear this good news and spend time praying for them by name.
 - b. As Easter approaches, who are the people in your life who you can invite to church who need to hear the gospel?