

The Trials of Jesus **Mark. 14:53-65**

Before Annas
(Jn. 18:13-24)

Before Caiaphas
(Matt. 26:57-75)

Before the Sanhedrin
(Lk. 22:66-71)



1. **Trial before Annas (former high priest):** Jesus avoids answering questions about His disciples and teachings. He is assaulted, and frustrated Annas sends Him to Caiaphas.

2. **Trial before Caiaphas (present high priest)**

False witnesses fail to incriminate. 14:53-59

See temple issue in 15:29, Jer.26:7-34, Acts 6:13,14.

Honest confession leads to blasphemy charge. 14:60-62

Son of Blessed One = regal title for Messiah in II Sam. 7:14.

Jesus had been reluctant to reveal His identity. Why now?

What is Jesus' so-called blasphemy? Ps. 110 / Dan. 7:13

Unjust judgment is followed by an assault. 14:63-65

Only Rome can execute people so they assault Jesus.

3. **Trial before Sanhedrin (Jewish leaders):** In the morning a formal council assembles to question Jesus. He is reluctant to answer or ask questions, but again He confesses He is the messianic Son of God, which to them confirms His guilt.

Consider: Irony of asking Jesus to prophesy, recall 10:33,34.

Who is actually committing blasphemy here?

Why did Jesus really lose in these hearings / trials?