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POINT 1: JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS, IS WRONGLY TRIED (LUKE 22:66-71).

⁶⁶ When daylight came, the elders of the people, both the chief priests and the scribes, convened and brought him before their Sanhedrin. ⁶⁷ They said, “If you are the Messiah, tell us.” But he said to them, “If I do tell you, you will not believe. ⁶⁸ And if I ask you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹ But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” ⁷⁰ They all asked, “Are you, then, the Son of God?” And he said to them, “You say that I am.” ⁷¹ “Why do we need any more testimony,” they said, “since we’ve heard it ourselves from his mouth?”

POINT 2: JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS, IS WRONGLY ACCUSED (LUKE 23:1-5).

¹ Then their whole assembly rose up and brought him before Pilate. ² They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation, opposing payment of taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.” ³ So Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” ⁴ Pilate then told the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no grounds for charging this man.” ⁵ But they kept insisting, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he started even to here.”

POINT 3: JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS, IS WRONGLY CONDEMNED (LUKE 23:13-25).

¹³ Pilate called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, “You have brought me this man as one who misleads the people. But in fact, after examining him in your presence, I have found no grounds to charge this man with those things you accuse him of. ¹⁵ Neither has Herod, because he sent him back to us. Clearly, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶ Therefore, I will have him whipped and then release him.” ¹⁸ Then they all cried out together, “Take this man away! Release Barabbas to us!” ¹⁹ (He had been thrown into prison for a rebellion that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰ Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate addressed them again, ²¹ but they kept shouting, “Crucify! Crucify him!” ²² A third time he said to them, “Why? What has this man done wrong? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore, I will have him whipped and then release him.” ²³ But they kept up the pressure, demanding with loud voices that he be crucified, and their voices won out. ²⁴ So Pilate decided to grant their demand ²⁵ and released the one they were asking for, who had been thrown into prison for rebellion and murder. But he handed Jesus over to their will.

