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PREVIOUS PLOTS AGAINST JESUS' LIFE

- Fall, 29 A.D.: Mark 3:6 – The Pharisees went out and immediately *began* conspiring with the Herodians against Him, as to how they might destroy Him.
- Feb., 30 A.D.: John 11:53 - So from that day on they planned together to kill Him.
- April, 30 A.D.: Luke 22:2 - The chief priests and the scribes were seeking how they might put Him to death; for they were afraid of the people.

PREVIOUS ESCAPES

- Luke 4:28-30 - before he moved his ministry headquarters to Capernaum, probably in the summer of 28 A.D.
- John 8:56-59 - in the fall of 29 A.D.
- John 10:37-39 - in December of 29 A.D.

THE PHYSICAL ABUSE OF JESUS

- 1) During the first Jewish trial before Annas (John 18:22)
- 2) During the second Jewish trial (Mark 14:65; Matt. 26:67-68)
- 3) During the second Roman trial before Herod (Luke 23:11)
- 4) During the third Roman trial before Pilate (John 19:1-5)

JOHN 19:1-5 VS. MATT. 27:27-30 VS. MARK 15:16-19

- Two Options...
 - a) All 3 passages are describing the same scourging.
 - Cf. Matt. 27:26 - Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.
 - Mark 15:15 - Wishing to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

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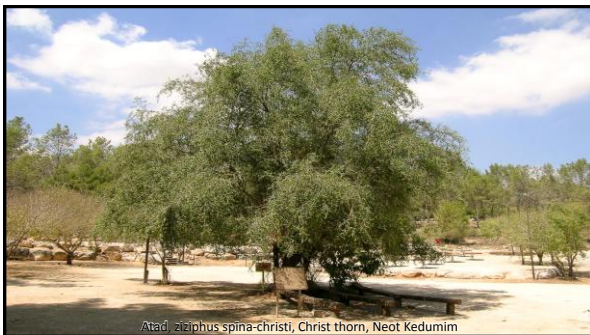
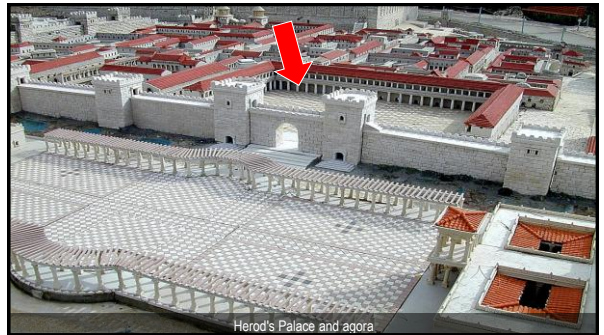
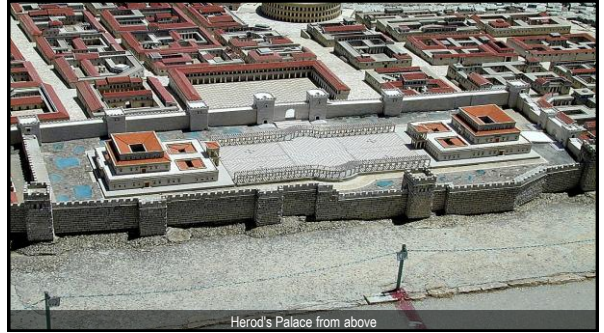
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 - b) There were 2 separate beatings and 2 separate mockings by the soldiers.
 - (1) John 19:1-5 happened during the third phase of the Roman trial.
 - Cf. *Fustigatio, flagellatio, and verberatio.*
 - (2) Matt. 27:26-30 and Mark 15:15-19 happened at the end of the third phase of the Roman trial.

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- II. Playing the Soldiers' Cruel Game (18-19)
- III. Interpreting the Soldiers' Cruel Game

III. INTERPRETING THE SOLDIERS' CRUEL GAME

- **1) It perfectly fulfilled Jesus' own prophecy** (Cf. [Mark 10:32-34](#))
- **2) It fulfilled an important OT prophecy regarding the Messiah.**
 - Is. 50:6 - I gave My back to those who strike Me, And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting.

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- **3) It illustrates the human hatred of and rejection of God, His messengers, His Son, and His people.**
 - 1 Pet. 2:23 - while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

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- **4) It is part of His suffering for sin.**
 - Is. 53:5 – the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed.
 - Is. 53:7 - He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth: Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.

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- **5) It is a graphic demonstration of man's rejection of Jesus' rightful authority.**