

KANGAROO COURT
MARK 14:53-65 / AUGUST 9, 2017 / WED

I. JESUS' FIRST TRIAL WAS BEFORE ANNAS.

- A. John is the only gospel who records this proceeding (John 18: 12-14; 19-24).
- B. Who was Annas?
 - 1. Annas officially served as High Priest for ten years (6–15 A.D.), when at the age of 36 he was deposed.
 - 2. He remained as one of the nation's most influential political and social individuals, aided greatly by the use of his five sons and his son-in-law Caiaphas as puppet High Priests.
- C. What happened during this first trial before Annas?
 - 1. This was the first place Jesus was brought after being arrested—John 18:12-14.
 - 2. Annas questioned Jesus about his teachings—John 18:19.
 - 3. Jesus' response was that his teaching were done in public and widely known—John 19:20-21.
 - 4. What followed was Jesus' first of many acts of abuse directed at him—John 18:22.
 - 5. Jesus responded that his testimony was the truth—John 18:23.
 - 6. At this point Jesus was bound again and sent to appear before his second trial—John 18:24.

II. JESUS' SECOND TRIAL WAS BEFORE CAIAPHAS.

- A. All four gospels record this second trial (Mark 14:53-65).
- B. Who is Caiaphas?
 - 1. According to Josephus, Caiaphas was appointed in AD 18 by the Roman prefect who preceded Pontius Pilate.
 - 2. The long eighteen year tenure of Caiaphas suggests he had a good relationship with the Roman authorities.

- C. What happened at this trial before Caiaphas?
1. Jesus appeared before the real High Priest, Caiaphas—14:53.
 2. Caiaphas and the others looked for any evidence that would justify his killing—14:55.
 3. All they found was “fake evidence” about Jesus—14:56-59.
 4. Finally Caiaphas tried to get Jesus to incriminate himself—14:60-61.
- D. Jesus’ response was extraordinary—14: 62.