

3. After the verdict of guilty of death was reached, what does Matthew 26:67 say they did to Jesus?

4. What did they say to Christ in Matthew 26:68?

Matthew 26:68 becomes clear in the light of Luke 22:64, where it is stated that they blindfolded Jesus and then asked Him to identify the ones who slapped Him.

JUDAS' REMORSE (Matthew 27:3-10)

When Judas saw that Jesus was condemned, great remorse overtook him.

1. What was Judas' confession in Matthew 27:4?

2. What did he do with the money?(Matthew 27:5)

Literally, having hurled the thirty pieces of silver into the sanctuary, the inmost court of the temple where only the priests could enter, He went and hanged himself. Then the chief priests picked up the silver pieces, realizing, it being the price of blood, decided to buy with it a pauper's field to bury strangers. This was a fulfillment of Zachariah 11:12,13. Judas could have spent a lifetime of service for God. He could have inherited eternal life. How could he end his career this way? (Extra prophecies and references on Judas: Psalm 109: 41; Acts 22:3; John 13:2)

THIRTY NINETH STUDY

*When I was daily
With you in the
temple, ye stretched
forth no hands
against Me:
But this is your
hour, and the power
of darkness.
Luke 22:53*



JEWISH AND ROMAN TRIALS

PETER'S DENIAL (Matthew 26:58,69-75; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:55-62; John 18:15-18,25-27)

When Jesus was arrested, He proclaimed to them, *This is your hour, and the power of darkness.* Meaning,—the hour of the authority of the power of darkness over Him, to which end He came into the world. This was only the temporary triumph of the darkness that is the eternal victory of Light.

When they led Jesus away, Simon Peter and another disciple followed Him. Tradition, well supported, has it that the other disciple here was the beloved disciple, John the son of Zebedee. John followed Jesus into the palace of the high priest, of which John was acquainted, and Peter stood at the door outside. Then John went to the maid who was the door keeper and instructed that she let Peter in. At some point Peter went back outside and sat by a fire.

1. Who was the first person to recognize Peter as

being one of those with Jesus? (John 18:17)____

2. How did Peter answer her? (Matthew 26:70)

3. Who was the second person to recognize Peter?
(Matthew 26:71) _____
4. When she approached him, how did he answer
her? (Matthew 26:72)_____

What Peter was saying was, "I do not know
Him, not even His name."

5. How many times did Peter deny Christ?
(Matthew 26:70,72,74)_____
6. In this same Chapter, Matthew 26, what verse
did Jesus predict Peter would deny Him three
times? _____
7. What sound brought Peter to remembrance of
Christ's words to him? (Matthew 26:74)_____
8. How do you know Peter repented of his denun-
ciation of Christ? (Matthew 26:75)_____

SECOND JEWISH TRIAL BY SANHEDRIN

(Matthew 26:57,59-68; Mark 14:53-65; Luke 22:63-65; John 18:24)

The mob that had seized Jesus took Him to Caia-
phas, the high priest, where *the scribes and the elders*
had assembled (Matthew 26:57). *All the council*
posed of chief priests, elders, and scribes sought
false witness against Jesus, to put Him to death
(Matthew 26:59). 191

This court was the Sanhedrin which was quali-
fied by law to conduct a ecclesiastical (religious)
court. A legal meeting of such a court could not be
held before sunrise, but the Jews were so deter-
mined to slay Him they were willing to stoop to an-
ything. They were even willing to use falsehood to
bring about His death. But even this effort failed,
for the false witnesses could not agree on their fab-
ricated stories (Matthew 26:60).

*At the last came two false witnesses, (60) in a com-
mon accusation. They charged Christ with having
said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and build it
in three days (61). Of course Jesus never said any
such thing. It was probably a false interpretation of
His saying recorded in John 2:19 - Destroy this tem-
ple, and in three days I will raise it up. He was speak-
ing of the temple of His body (John 2:21).*

The high priest continued challenging Christ
(Matthew 26:62), but the Master remained silent.
Finally the high priest put Jesus under oath to tell
the facts of His origin (63).

1. When the high priest ordered Jesus to tell them
*whether or not He was the Christ, the Son of the liv-
ing God. What was the answer Jesus gave him in*
Matthew 26:64? _____

2. What did the high priest call Jesus in verse 65?
