



**The Gospel According To LUKE**  
**Chapter 23**  
**“The Trial, The Treachery & The Truth!”**

**(v1-12) THE SINNER’S TRIAL!**

*Go for God!*

(v1) The accusers: Religious leaders and a crowd of people.

(v2) **False accusations:** (1) *Perverting the nation*; (2) *Not paying taxes*; (3) *A political anarchist*.

(3-4) Cross examination by Pilate – “*I find no FAULT in this man.*”

(5) A true accusation – “*He (Jesus) stirs up the people and TEACHES them.*” What did Jesus teach the people? To turn from their sins and to live for God! The life, the miracles and the teachings of Jesus were so bountiful that John the beloved wrote in John 21:25 - *And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.*

(v6-12) A reflection of a previous encounter with Herod - Luke 13:31-33 - *On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, "Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You." And He said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.' Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.*

- This time Jesus would not speak to Herod fulfilling - Isaiah 53:7 - *He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a LAMB to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.*

**(v13-25) THE SINNER’S TREACHERY!**

(v13-21) Pilate and Herod found no fault in Jesus and nothing deserving of death, but they were moved by peer pressure. The religious leaders and the people cried out “*Crucify Him, crucify Him! Release the murderer, Barabas.*” An individual is either for Jesus or against Him, Jesus said in Matthew 12:30-32 - *He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad. "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.*

(v22-23) Do you remember that Pilate was warned by His wife, she said in Matthew 27:19 - *While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him."*

(v24-25) Observe Pilate’s self-justification and self-judgment! - Matthew 27:24-31 - *Then Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it." And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children." Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered*

*Him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.*

**(v26-56) THE SAVIOUR'S TRUTH!**

(v26-32) Jesus speaks of the future judgment to come upon the Jews, this took place in 70A.D.

(v33) Jesus was crucified on Calvary, also called Golgotha, "Place of a skull." It says in Genesis 3:15 – *And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.*

(v34) At the cross of Christ we find the culmination of human history and prophetic destiny:

- AT THE CROSS IS THE TREE OF LIFE (Garden of Eden)
- AT THE CROSS IS THE LAMB OF GOD (Cain & Abel)
- AT THE CROSS IS THE ARK OF SALVATION (Noah's adventure)
- AT THE CROSS IS THE SON OF GOD (Abraham and his son Isaac)
- AT THE CROSS IS THE BLOODY SACRIFICE (Moses and the Passover Lamb)
- AT THE CROSS IS THE WORM – King David writes in Psalms 22:6-8 - *But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised by the people. All those who see Me ridicule Me; they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"*
- AT THE CROSS IS THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN - Isaiah 53:4-6 - *Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*
- Let's fully understand and receive GOD'S FORGIVENESS, please listen to this powerful definition by the Nelson's Bible Dictionary.

(v35-38) At the cross of Christ we have "on lookers"— "sneerers"— "mockers." On the sign above His head we have three languages representing the whole world. Greek is the language of education, literature, and science; Latin is the language of law & order; Hebrew is the language of religion.

**(v44-47) The truth that Jesus is the Christ is affirmed by CREATION (v44); HEAVEN (v45-46); and MAN (v47).**

**(48-56) Joseph would not follow the world but loved the Savior and waited for the Kingdom of God! Do you love Jesus and are you ready for His Kingdom to come into your heart?**