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JESUS ON TRIAL

Mark 15:1-5

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Jesus' arrest instigated by religious people of His day.
Case: Matter of His true identity. Luke 23:2..

INT: On trial today before Professors, Modernists, Erring Chr.
Only fair to hear all evidence. Lesson to submit facts.

I. THE DEFENDENT IS PERMITTED TO TESTIFY FOR HIMSELF.

- A. Stated purpose of His descending. John 3:16.
- B. Explained the reason for His untimely death. J. 10:15.
- C. He ably defended His claim to Sonship. John 14:10-11.
- D. Question of His true character His greatest battle:

II. THE DEFENDENT'S FATHER TESTIFIES.

- A. Joseph informed of a miracle. Matt. 1:18-23.
- B. Jesus favored in His youth. Luke 2:52.
- C. God put divine mark on Jesus. Matt. 3:17.
- D. Father distinguished His Son above all. Matt. 17:5.

III. CHARACTER WITNESSES CALLED TO TESTIFY.

- A. John the Baptist said out-of-ordinary. John 1:29-32.
- B. Peter witnessed His sonship. Matt. 16:16-18. Acts 4:20
- C. Men will die only for the truth—never for a lie.
- D. Citizens of Palestine testified. Matt. 7:28-29.
- E. Roman guards subpoenaed to speak. John 7:46.
- F. Nicodemus expressed His opinion. John 3:2.
- G. Eunuch's decision after hearing evidence. Acts 8:37.

IV. THE PLAINTIFF'S CASE AGAINST CHRIST. (Enemies)

- A. Started the case on false witnesses. Matt. 26:59-60.
- B. Later witnesses did not agree in word. Mk. 14:56.
- C. Allegation: He is destructive. Temple. Mark 14:58.
- D. Allegation: He is disloyal. Caesar. Luke 23:2.
- E. Allegation: He is a prevaricator. Tomb. Matt. 27:63.
- F. Pilate, the judge, vindicated Christ. Luke 23:4.
- G. No record anywhere of any wrong done by Christ. Son???

V. JESUS IS STILL ON TRIAL.

- A. Question of His true identity still the case.
 - 1. If God's Son, then must follow to be saved. Doing???
- B. Philosophers have Him on trial. Religion too simple.
 - 1. Christ, good man, nothing more. Rank infidels.
- C. Wise and Noble men judging Christ's worth to world.
 - 1. Good for others. I'm too busy. I Cor. 1:26.
- D. Erring Christians rendering a verdict: Not essential!!
 - 1. The story now! Consider the future. John 11:25.

(Over)

E. Lazy Christians obscuring the truth. Christ-like?
1. Real N. T. Christians were workers. Acts 11:26.

INV. JESUS IS IN OUR PRESENCE NOW TO HEAR OUR DECISION.

Sinner: What is your verdict? B-R-C-B.

Indifferent: What is your answer? Turn? R-P.

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IV THE REASON FOR HIS REJECTION
1. Joseph's sinning at a distance. Matt. 1:18-23.
2. Jesus favored in his youth. Luke 2:40.
3. God put His sin on Jesus. Matt. 2:17.
4. Father distinguished His Son from all. Matt. 17:5.

V CHARACTERS WITNESSES CALLED TO TESTIFY
1. John the Baptist said out-of-context. John 1:27-33.
2. Peter witnessed His coming. Matt. 16:13-18. John 1:41.
3. He will die only for the truth—power for a lie.
4. Disciples of Pharisees testified. Matt. 7:28-29.
5. Roman guards responded to speech. John 7:18.
6. Nicodemus expressed his opinion. John 3:2.
7. Summary's decision after hearing evidence. Acts 13:7.

VI THE REASON FOR HIS REJECTION (continued)
1. Stated the case in John's witness. Matt. 26:24-25.
2. Peter witness did not agree in word. Matt. 14:30.
3. All agreed He is Messiah. Mark 8:29.
4. Allegation He is Messiah. John 6:68.
5. Allegation He is a prophet. John 6:69.
6. Peter, the judge, witnessed Christ. Luke 22:67.
7. The usual response of any man by Christ. Matt. 26:69.

VII THE REASON FOR HIS REJECTION (continued)
1. Question of His true identity with the Son.
2. If God's Son, then must follow to be saved. Matt. 23:13.
3. Religious have His on trial. Religion too simple.
4. Christ, God man, nothing more, than Messiah.
5. His and John's men judging Christ's worth to world.
6. Good for others. I'm too busy. I Cor. 1:24.
7. Having Christian's regarding a verdict: Not essential.
8. The way man! Consider the power. John 11:26.