

THE PERSON AND LIFE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Lesson Ten

THE TRIAL AND JUDGMENT OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Scripture reading: Matt. 26:56--27:32; Luke 22:54 to 23:25

Burden to Impart:

The cruel and unrighteous judgment of man only caused the glory and virtue of the Lord Jesus to be more manifest.

The Lord Jesus victoriously passed through many tests from many people after coming into Jerusalem (the scribes, lawyers, Pharisees, Sadducees, and Herodians). Now, after being unrighteously arrested in the garden, He passed through three more unrighteous trials and judgments where He was falsely accused, lied against, mocked, spit upon, beat in the face, His beard pulled, crowned with a crown of thorns, beat on the head with a reed, stripped, and scourged with a whip. He did not resist His accusers or defend Himself. Rather, He was silent before the Jewish Sanhedrin and the two Roman governors, Pilate and Herod. He stood before all these unrighteous judgments as the spotless Lamb of God. He was "silent before His shearers" (Isa. 53:7). The judges were unrighteous and all the disciples were weak and forsook Him. Only Jesus passed every test. He stood in dignity and even His accusers and judges marveled at His conduct. He answered nothing to His accusers' false accusations. He only responded affirmatively when they asked Him questions concerning whether He was the Son of God, the King of the Jews.

All mankind rejected the Lord Jesus. But the darker and more unrighteous the situation became, the brighter Jesus, the righteous Son of God, shone in His human virtue.

Memory Verse: "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" (Isaiah 53:7).

Facts to Teach:

1. The Lord was judged all night long by the highest Jewish authority, the Sanhedrin, by Caiaphas the high priest. False witnesses were sought, but their stories did not even match each other. Finally, He was falsely condemned for "blasphemy" because He admitted to the truth; He was the Son of God. He was then spit upon, beat on the face, mocked, and slapped.
2. During this trial Peter, who had followed the Lord at a distance, denied Him three times (Matt. 26:69-75). Peter, so full of self-confidence and pride, failed the test when asked by the little maids if he was a disciple of Jesus. He lied and swore he didn't know Him, denying his Lord, to his bitter sorrow.
3. In the morning Jesus was brought to Pilate to be judged. The Jewish leaders had no authority to condemn a man to death, so they brought the Lord before the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate. As He was being falsely accused, the Lord Jesus answered nothing. He only confirmed Pilate's question that He was indeed the King of the Jews.
4. Because Jesus was from Galilee and the case was very delicate, Pilate took the opportunity to get rid of the Lord, sending Him to Herod, the governor of Galilee (Luke 23:6-7).
5. Pilate told the people that he did not find any fault in the Lord Jesus, but that He was a "righteous man." According to custom, one condemned criminal would be released at this time of Passover. Pilate proposed that Jesus be released. However, the people screamed and shouted that they wanted Barabbas, a murderer, released and that they wanted Jesus to be crucified.

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Songs for Lesson Ten

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Tune: "Kumbaya."

 D G D
How You suffered, Lord, under men,
 G A
How You suffered, Lord, under men,
 D G D
How You suffered, Lord, under men,
 G D A D
Men whom You had made.

You were falsely judged for the truth,
You were falsely judged for the truth,
You were falsely judged for the truth,
Silent as a lamb.

Then You died for us, Savior, Lord,
Then You died for us, Savior, Lord,
Then You died for us, Savior, Lord;
You loved us so much.

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Character Lesson Ten

STABLE

Definition:

A stable person doesn't change easily but is calm, dependable, unwavering, and not easily upset by his environment.

Examples and/or Questions to Ask the Children:

1. The Lord Jesus passed through many tests and judgments, but He stayed very calm.
2. When a fire alarm or tornado siren sounds, you listen to your parent's or the teacher's instructions and stay calm.

Verse:

"... but let your yes be yes, and your no be no..." James 5:12m

Craft Ideas:

Have the children make plaster of Paris impressions of their hand. See attached paper for further instructions.

WALL PLAQUE

MATERIALS:

- Plastic lid
- Plaster of Paris
- Toothpicks or pencil
- Large paper clips

A coffee lid or a butter tub lid will work as a base for plaster. Pour the plaster into the lid and press a handprint. Use a tooth pick to write a name and date. Before the plaster hardens insert a large paper clip so it can be hung up later. When the plaque is dry it will no longer feel cold to the touch. Pop the plaster away from the lid. These can be painted.

