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## THE TRIALS OF JESUS

*“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)*

### Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	Understand the events that took place between Jesus Christ’s arrest and His crucifixion.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is love, and His prophecies never fail.
<i>Good Work</i>	Boldly testify for Christ. Be obedient in doing the will of God. Emulate Christ’s virtues when facing wrongful accusations.

### A. Jesus Is Arrested (Jn 18:1–12)

Jesus knew exactly what was about to occur when He was confronted in the garden of Gethsemane. He had been praying about it just moments before. Yet, when they came for Him, He did not answer them with fear or anger, but with peace and compassion.

- When we are in a difficult situation, we usually concern ourselves with our own safety and well-being. But we ought to follow Jesus’ example and choose obedience to God’s will over all.

### B. Jesus Is Tried in Court

Jesus underwent several trials under both Jewish and Roman law, mostly because neither court could find Jesus guilty of anything despite their attempts to condemn Him. His innocence was such that even those who were utterly convinced of His sins could not find a legal reason to send Him to the cross.

#### ***Trials by the Jews***

1. Annas (Jn 18:13–24)
2. Caiaphas (Mk 14:53–65)
3. The Sanhedrin (Lk 22:66–71)

#### ***Trials by the Romans***

4. Pilate (Jn 18:28–38)
5. Herod (Lk 23:8–11)
6. Pilate (Mt 27:11–26)

### C. Jesus’ Response

Jesus’ response to each situation was specific and purposeful. He either remained silent or spoke only the words necessary for advancing God’s will. He deliberately allowed them to lead Him to His death. Jesus’ story is made all the more tragic by the fact that it was God’s own chosen people, not the Gentiles who ruled over them, who found Him guilty. However, in the end, their participation in one of the greatest crimes in history was used by God to enact His supreme will and purpose: our salvation.

### Life Application

Jesus Christ’s rejection by the people is the reason for which we follow Him. Throughout His trials, Jesus demonstrated the following characteristics: innocence, obedience, and silence in the face of God’s will. He loves us so much that He resolved to follow through God’s command to the end and willingly walked to His death. Today, how can we repay His love towards us?

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## Lesson 9 Homework Assignment

### The Trials of Jesus

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Isaiah 53:7):

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1. Where does the Bible record: “He opened not His mouth”? How did Jesus fulfill this?
2. How did Jesus react to the people who came to the garden to arrest Him?
3. How many trials did Jesus undergo, and before whom was He presented in each?
4. What was illegal about Jesus’ trial before Annas?
5. What three characteristics did Jesus display throughout His trials?
6. Knowing that Jesus was obedient until death for our sakes, how can we repay His love for us in our everyday lives? Think of a task that you can complete this week and write it down below.