TRANSITIONAL EPISODE: JESUS TRANSFERRED TO THE JEWISH AUTHORITIES; INTERROGATED BY ANNAS

Mark 14:53–54: “And they led Jesus away to the high priest, and those (now) came together all the chief priests, and the elders, and the scribes. And Peter followed him from a distance until inside the court of the high priest, and he was seized together with the attendants and warming himself near the blazing flame.

Luke 22:54–55: “But having taken (him), they led and brought him into the house of the high priest, but Peter was following at a distance. But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the court and had sat down together, Peter sat down in their midst.

John 18:12–15: “Thereupon the cohort and the tribune and the attendants of the Jews took Jesus and bound him. And they led him (first) to Annas, for he was father-in-law of Caiaaphas who was high priest that year. (Now Caiaaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that “It is better that one man die for the people.”) But following Jesus was Simon Peter and another disciple. But that disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered together with Jesus into the court of the high priest. But Peter was standing at the gate outside. Accordingly the other disciple, the one known to the high priest, came out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Peter in. And so the servent woman, the gatekeeper, says to Peter, ‘Are you one of the disciples of this man?’ He says, ‘I am not.’ But the servants and the attendants were standing around, having made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were warming themselves. But Peter sat with them, standing and warming himself.

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Matt 26:57–58: “And having seized Jesus, they led him away to Caiaphas the high priest where the scribes and the elders were brought together. But Peter was following him from a distance until the court(yard) of the high priest, and having entered inside, he sat with the attendants to see the end.

Mark 14:55–59: “But the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were seeking testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, and they were not finding (any). For many were giving false testimony against him, and the testimonies were not consistent. And some, having stood up, were giving false testimony against him, saying that ‘We have heard him saying that I will destroy this sanctuary of God, and within three days I will build another larger one.’ And even so their testimony was not consistent.

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QUESTION(S) ABOUT THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF GOD

Mark 14:60–61: “And having stood up, the high priest in (their) midst questioned Jesus, saying, ‘Have you nothing at all to answer to what these are testifying against you?’ But he stayed silent and answered nothing at all. Again the high priest was questioning him and says to him, ‘Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed?’

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SANHEDRIN PROCEEDINGS, PART THREE: JESUS' RESPONSE(S) AND STATEMENT ABOUT THE SON OF MAN

Mark 14:62: But Jesus said, "I am, and you [pl.] will see the Son of Man sitting at the right of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven."

Luke 22:67-70: ["saying, "If you see the Messiah, say to me"] But he said to them, "If I shall say to you, you will never believe. But if I shall ask a question, you will never answer. But from the present there will be the Son of Man sitting at the right of the power of God." But they all said, "Are you then the Son of God?" But he said to them, "You (yourselves) say that I am."

SANHEDRIN PROCEEDINGS, PART FOUR: REACTION OF THE JEWISH AUTHORITIES TO JESUS' RESPONSE

THE JEWISH ABUSE AND MOCKERY OF JESUS

John 18:22-23: 12 one of the attendants who was standing by gave Jesus a slap, saying, "In such a way do you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken badly, give testimony about what is bad. If (I have spoken) well, why do you beat me?"

THE THREE DENIALS OF JESUS BY PETER

Luke 22:54-62: 8But Peter was following at a distance. But when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the court and had sat down together, Peter sat down in their midst.

(1st Denial) 9But Peter sat outside in the courtyard; and one servant woman came up to say to the bystanders that "One of you is going to betray the Lord." 10But Peter denied it, saying, "I don't know what you are saying." (2nd Denial) 11Finally the head servant woman gave Peter a cockcrow, saying, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." 12But he denied it, saying, "I don't know him." (3rd Denial) 13But after a little, those present, having come up, said to Peter, "Truly you too, you are one of them, for indeed you are a Galilean." 14But he began to curse and swear that "I don't know this man of whom you speak." 15And immediately a second time a cock crowed, and Peter remembered the word spoken by Jesus that "Before a cock crows, three times you will deny me." And having risen out, he was weeping.

John 18:15-18, 24-27: 12But following Jesus was Simon Peter and another disciple. But that disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered together with Jesus into the court of the high priest. 13But Peter was standing at the gate outside. (1st Denial) 14Accordingly the other disciple, the one known to the high priest, came out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Peter in. 15And so the servant woman, the gatekeeper, says to Peter, "Are you too one of the disciples of this man?" He says, "I am not." 16But the servants and the attendants were standing around, having made a charcoal fire because it was cold; and they were warming themselves. But Peter too was with them, standing and warming himself. (2nd Denial) 17And Peter sat down outside in the courtyard; and one of the attendants who was standing by gave Peter a cockcrow, saying, "If truth this too too was with him for as indeed he is a Galilean." 18But Peter said, "Men, I don't know what you are saying." And at that moment while he was still speaking, a cock crowed. 19And the Lord, having turned, looked at Peter, and Peter remembered the word spoken by Jesus that "Before a cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And having gone outside, he wept bitterly.

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Matthew 26:56-66: Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He blasphemed. What further need do we have of testimonies? Behold now you heard the blasphemy. What does it seem to you?" But in answer they said, "He is guilty, to be punished by death."

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Mark 15:1: And immediately, early, having made their consultation, the chief priests with the elders and scribes and the whole Sanhedrin, having bound Jesus, took him away and gave him over to Pilate.

Matt 27:1-2: And when the early hour had come, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took a decision against Jesus that they should put him to death. And having bound him, they led him away and gave him over to Pilate the governor.

Luke 23:1: And the whole multitude of them, having stood up, led him to Pilate.

John 18:28a: Then they lead Jesus from Caiaphas to the praetorium. Now it was early.

END OF THE SANHEDRIN PROCEEDINGS; TRANSFER TO PILATE

JUDAS, THE CHIEF PRIESTS, AND THE PRICE OF INNOCENT BLOOD

Matt 27:3-10: Then Judas, the one who gave him over, having seen that he was judged against, having changed with remorse, returned the thirty silver pieces to the chief priests and elders, saying, “I sinned in having given over innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to us? You must see to it.” And having cast the silver pieces into the treasury, he departed; and having gone away, he hanged himself.

But having taken the silver pieces, the chief priests said, “It is not permitted to throw these into the treasury since it is the price for blood.” Having taken a decision, they bought with them the potter’s field for a burial ground of strangers. Therefore that field has been called “Field of Blood” in this day.

Then there was fulfilled what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet saying, “And they took the thirty silver pieces, the price of the one priced, whom the sons of Israel priced. And they gave them for the potter’s field, according to what the Lord directed me.”