

Lesson 59 Matthew 26.57-27.61 (27v57) Jesus teaching that prophetic scripture is key to understanding His death.

**Introduction**

We have now a series of proof texts used to show that the trial of Jesus ran exactly to scripture and to form

**The silence**

The trial proceeded in Caiphas hall. Incoherent witness to the destroying and raising of the temple in three days emerged. This was based on the statement of John 2.19. After a stony silence then under oath Jesus yielded to say, "It is as you say, nevertheless hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven" (cf *Isaiah 53.7*-He was silent)(*Psalm 110.1* and *Daniel 7.13* "Sitting on the right hand" "coming with the clouds")

**Peter's denial**

"I don't know what you are saying and "I don't know the man" (twice uttered) put Peter exactly in the position Jesus prophesied, "Before the cock crow twice you will deny me thrice". That fulfilled word given by Jesus in *Matthew 26.34* became the beginning of deep repentance on Peter's part.

**Then Judas choked himself**

Judas threw the money into the holy place and was told that his betrayal of innocent blood was a sin he must bear. He retired and strangled himself (Greek *απαγχω*)

**Then Pilate wondered there was no defence**

Pilate's wife had had a dream. She advised Pilate to wash his hands of the affair. Pilate made one more appeal to deliver Jesus as a pardoned convict would be pardoned in lie of the feast. But the crowd cried "Barabbas" and the ploy failed.

**Then the soldiers played the game of KING**

In succession Jesus took the "robe" "crown" "sceptre" and "nought" positions and then they took Jesus and crucified Him.

**Then they crucified two thieves**

Taunts all around. "Come down from the cross" "He saved others, He cant save Himself" He said, "I am the Son of God". This was the setting in which our Saviour who never reviled in return suffered on Calvary

**The cry of Jesus**

Amid the darkness Jesus cried out, "My God my God why have You forsaken me"? That fulfilled *Psalm 22*. Then a soldier ran with a sponge of vinegar-that fulfilled *Psalm 69.21*. Next the temple veil was rent from top to bottom.

**With the rich in His death**

*Isaiah 53.9* Jesus was given the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. This also fulfilled scripture and showed they did not all consent to His death.



**From paper to practice.**

What are the marks that stamp the death of Christ as the unique atonement of God?

In the disciples actions.....

In the accusers actions.....

In the soldiers action.....

In the Saviour actions.....