



"Friday Morning, After Midnight:
Condemned by the Righteous"

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Mark 14:53, 55-56, 61-68, 70-72 (NLT)

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"Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?"*

"I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

The high priest tore his clothes. "Why do we need any more witnesses?" he asked. "You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him as worthy of death. Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophecy!" And the guards took him and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him. "You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus," she said. But he denied it. "I don't know or understand what you're talking about," he said, and went out into the entryway... After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." He began to call down curses on himself, and he swore to them, "I don't know this man you're talking about." Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times." And he broke down and wept.

AFTER MIDNIGHT FRIDAY MORNING

JESUS ARRESTED & TAKEN TO THE HOUSE OF CAIAPHAS

*O LORD God, my savior, I cry out to you during the day and at night.
Let my prayer come into your presence. Turn your ear to hear my cries.
My soul is filled with troubles, and my life comes closer to the grave.
I am numbered with those who go into the pit.*

Psalm 88:1-4 (GW)

TRIAL ONE: BEFORE ANNAS,
FORMER HIGH PRIEST AND FATHER-IN-LAW OF CAIAPHAS

Everyone knows what I teach. I have preached regularly in the synagogues and the Temple, where the people gather. I have not spoken in secret. Why are you asking me this question? Ask those who heard me. They know what I said."

Then one of the Temple guards standing nearby slapped Jesus across the face. "Is that the way to answer the high priest?" he demanded. Jesus replied, "If I said anything wrong, prove it. But if I'm speaking the truth, why are you beating me?" Then Annas bound Jesus and sent him to Caiaphas, the high priest.

John 18:19-24 (NLT)

TRIAL TWO: BEFORE CAIAPHAS, THE HIGH PRIEST
IN FRONT OF THE SANHEDRIN

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