

Luke
See Jesus
Sham Trial
Luke 22:63-71

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Reader: This is the Word of The Lord.

Response: **Thanks Be To God!**

I. Your trials don’t change how you are. They reveal who you are.

A. Jesus shows His true power by restraining His true power.

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- a. Jesus could’ve defended Himself, but He didn’t (Luke 22:63).
- b. Jesus could’ve proven Himself, but He didn’t (Luke 22:64).
- c. Jesus could’ve condemned them, but He didn’t (Luke 22:65).

B. Jesus doesn’t stoop to the level of His enemies.

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- a. He didn’t answer them, because they weren’t truly asking (Luke 22:67).
- b. He doesn’t engage them, because they weren’t really seeking (Luke 22:68).

C. Jesus stays faithful to His purpose.

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6 Things To Keep In Mind When It Comes To Your Trials

1. Expect them.

1 Peter 4:12 “Beloved, **do not be surprised** at the fiery trial **when** it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.”

2. Don’t be afraid or angry.

1 Peter 3:14 “But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. **Have no fear of them, nor be troubled...**”

3. Trust God and do what is right.

1 Peter 2:15 “For this is the will of God, that **by doing good** you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.”

1 Peter 4:19 “Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator **while doing good.**”

4. Share your hope, and be kind when you do.

1 Peter 3:15-16 “But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, **always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,** ¹⁶having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.”

5. Keep loving each other.

1 Peter 4:8-10 “Above all, **keep loving one another** earnestly... ⁹Show hospitality to one another... ¹⁰serve one another...”

6. Remember how the story ends.

1 Peter 5:10 “And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.”

II. Judging Jesus wrongly now means you’ll be judged rightly later.

Luke 22:71 “Then they said, ‘What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from His own lips.’”

1 Corinthians 2:6-8 “Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸**None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.**”

Revelation 20:11-15 “Then I saw a great white throne and Him who was seated on it. From His presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. ¹³And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. ¹⁴Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

Questions for Personal Reflection and/or Community Group Discussion:

1. Considering your personality and temperament, how would you have responded if you were in Jesus’ place?
2. Pastor Peter said “Your trials don’t change how you are. They reveal who you are.” When have you seen that to be true?

3. What trial(s) are you facing now? As you recall how you're dealing with them, what have they revealed about you?
4. Recall a time when you were wrongfully accused or treated unfairly because of your faith. Review the "6 Things To Keep In Mind When It Comes To Your Trials." Which of those are you good at? Which of those do you need to grow in?
5. Pastor Peter said "There's nothing more important than figuring out what you really believe about Jesus." To what extent have you done that? What do you believe about Jesus?