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Luke 22:54-23:12

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Peter Denies Jesus, and Weeps Bitterly

⁵⁴ Having arrested Him, they led Him and brought Him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵ Now when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶ And a certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, "This man was also with Him."

⁵⁷ But he denied Him, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him."

⁵⁸ And after a little while another saw him and said, "You also are of them."

But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"

⁵⁹ Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, "Surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a Galilean."

⁶⁰ But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!"

Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." ⁶² So Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Jesus Mocked and Beaten

⁶³ Now the men who held Jesus mocked Him and beat Him. ⁶⁴ And having blindfolded Him, they struck Him on the face and asked Him, saying, "Prophecy! Who is the one who struck You?" ⁶⁵ And many other things they blasphemously spoke against Him.

Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin

⁶⁶ As soon as it was day, the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, came together and led Him into their council, saying, ⁶⁷ "If You are the Christ, tell us."

But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will by no means believe. ⁶⁸ And if I also ask you, you will by no means answer Me or let Me go. ⁶⁹ Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God."

⁷⁰ Then they all said, "Are You then the Son of God?"

So He said to them, "You rightly say that I am."

⁷¹ And they said, "What further testimony do we need? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."

Jesus Handed Over to Pontius Pilate

23 Then the whole multitude of them arose and led Him to Pilate. ² And they began to accuse Him, saying, “We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King.”

³ Then Pilate asked Him, saying, “Are You the King of the Jews?”

He answered him and said, “It is as you say.”

⁴ So Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no fault in this Man.”

⁵ But they were the more fierce, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place.”

Jesus Faces Herod

⁶ When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean. ⁷ And as soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸ Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for a long time to see Him, because he had heard many things about Him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him. ⁹ Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing. ¹⁰ And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him. ¹¹ Then Herod, with his men of war, treated Him with contempt and mocked Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate. ¹² That very day Pilate and Herod became friends with each other, for previously they had been at enmity with each other.

Okay, Here’s My Commentary

What was the real reason Jesus was crucified? It was not because he had committed a crime. From the beginning, God inspired His divine laws and the Scriptures to be written. The one point that the Sanhedrin accused Jesus of was blasphemy because he declared that he was the Son of God and in so doing making himself equal with God!

Leviticus 24:16 *And whoever blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall certainly stone him, the stranger as well as him who is born in the land. When he blasphemes the name of the LORD, he shall be put to death.*

However, Jesus was telling the truth, he was in fact God in the flesh. Could it be that in His omniscience, God planned the strategy of redemption this way? In other words, did God, knowing that the Jews would use this ancient law about blasphemy as the legal nail to crucify His Son, Jesus Christ because of His confession concerning His identity plan it this way from the beginning? Obviously this law was given to keep the Hebrew nation from idolatry but it was used against Christ because He claimed to be the Son of God.

Jesus confessed who he was as the Son of God and stayed true to himself and his divine nature. Remember, Jesus was 100% God and 100% man. John records that Jesus was God: **John 1:1** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* **John 1:14** *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

What's the Bottom Line?

1. Jesus was crucified for confessing who He was as the Son of God.
2. The Jews just could not accept that Jesus was God.
3. The ancient law against blasphemy was used to condemn Christ though He simply remained true to His own identity.
4. Believers also suffer persecution today for confessing faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God but stay true to who you are a believer confessing Jesus Christ and God will reward you for your faith!

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