

The Trial of Jesus

There Were 18 Jewish Laws Broken to get Jesus to the Cross:

1. There was to be no arrest by religious authorities that was affected by a bribe. **Exodus 23:8**
2. There were to be no steps of criminal proceedings after sunset.
3. Judges or Sanhedrin members were not allowed to participate in the arrest.
4. There were to be no trials before the morning sacrifice.
5. There were to be no secret trials, only public.
6. Sanhedrin trials could only be conducted in the Hall of Judgment of the Temple compound.
7. The procedure was to be first the defense and then the accusation.
8. All may argue in favor of acquittal, but all may not argue in favor of conviction.
9. There were to be two or three witnesses and their testimony had to agree in every detail.
Deuteronomy 19:15.
10. There was to be no allowance for the accused to testify against himself.
11. The high priest was forbidden to *rent* his garments. **Leviticus 21: 10.**
12. Charges could not originate with the judges; they could only investigate charges brought to them.
13. The accusation of blasphemy was only valid if the name of God itself was pronounced.
14. A person could not be condemned on the basis of his own words alone.
15. The verdict could not be announced at night, only in the daytime.
16. In cases of capital punishment, the trial and guilty verdict could not occur at the same time but must be separated by at least 24 hours.
17. Voting for the death penalty had to be done by individual count beginning with the youngest so the young would not be influenced by the elders.
18. A unanimous decision for guilt shows innocence since it is impossible for 23-71 men to agree without plotting.

Why the cross?

1. The cross _____ the _____ of God.

Galatians 3:13 (NIV)

¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

Romans 3:25 (NIV)

²⁵ God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished--

1 John 4:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

2. The cross provides the _____ of _____.

Romans 5:9 (NIV)

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

3. The cross shows the _____ of God's _____ and _____ for sinners.

Romans 5:8 (NIV)

⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Ephesians 1:7 (NIV)

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

4. The cross _____ the _____ for many.

Mark 10:45 (NIV)

⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Hebrews 2:14 (NIV)

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil--

a. It is _____ that takes the Holy God Incarnate here on earth and _____ Him as no _____ should be treated.

5. The cross _____ us to _____.

Romans 5:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

Colossians 1:22 (NIV)

²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation--

6. The cross _____ us to _____ to sin.

1 Peter 2:24 (NIV)

²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

7. The cross “ _____ ” us to _____.

1 Corinthians 6:19 (NIV)

¹⁹ Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

8. The cross _____ us _____ life.

John 3:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.