



Caiaphas, Herod, and Pilate

The Easter Series

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- Their perspective on Jesus' last week, death, resurrection
- How God was orchestrating events to include them

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- o Outline:

1. Caiaphas and Jewish groups of NT
2. What Caiaphas learned from Jesus' time in Galilee
3. Caiaphas and Jesus' last week
4. Caiaphas and Jesus' betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion
5. Pilate and Herod during Jesus' three civil trials

Caiaphas

1. Who is he?

- The Jewish high priest
- He is not acting alone
- Other influential groups within Jewish society in the 1st century:
 - Pharisees
 - Scribes (lawyers)
 - Sadducees
 - Chief priests
 - Elders
 - Sanhedrin

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2. What did Caiaphas learn about Jesus' interactions with the Scribes, Pharisees (and Sadducees) in Galilee and Judea?

- What did he hear?
- What did he not hear?
- What did he decide? John 11:47-53
- **Application:**
 1. Focus on showing compassion
 2. Follow God's Word, not human traditions
 3. Don't worry about "our place"

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3. During Jesus' last week

- Caiaphas was determined **not to believe** in Him
- Jesus exposed them and showed more clearly who He was
 - Jesus' triumphal entry. Matt 21:15-17
 - **Application:** church and our bodies His temple
 - Jesus taught with authority. Matt 21:23-44
 - Pharisees are hypocrites. Matt 22:11-13, 18
 - Sadducees do not understand. Matt 22:28-29
 - Jesus summarizes all of the OT! Matt 22:36-40
 - **Application:** Love God and love your neighbour

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- Jesus is David's Lord. Matt 22:41-46
- Jesus delivers a scathing rebuke to the Pharisees. Matt 23
- **Application:** Which rebuke applies to you? How does God want you to change?

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4. During Jesus' betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion

- God vs. Caiaphas: When will Jesus die?
Matt 26:1-5
 - Chief priests and elders plot.
 - God decides. 1 Cor 5:7; Acts 2:23; Ps 76:10
 - **Application:** God can use even the most terrible things that happen to us for good.
- God uses Judas, the betrayer. Matt 26:14-16, 23-25; John 13:26-30; Matt 26:47
- Religious trial #1: Jesus before Annas. John 18:12-24

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- Religious trial #2: Jesus before Sanhedrin. Matt 26:57-68
- Religious trial #3: Jesus before Sanhedrin. Matt 27:1-2
- Chief priests and elders continue to accuse, mock, and interfere. Matt 27-28
- Following Jesus' ascension, Caiaphas and Sanhedrin behave in the same way towards Jesus' followers. Acts 4, 5, and 7
- **Application:** religious people will always oppose the work of God

Pilate and Herod

5. Jesus' three civil trials

- Civil trial #1: Jesus before Pilate. John 18:28-38
 - Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. 18:36
 - **Application:** Which kingdom am I fighting/living for?
- Civil trial #2: Jesus before Herod Antipas. Luke 23:6-12
 - Jesus is not a cheap magician! 23:8
 - **Application:** Jesus is not here to **perform for us**. We are here to do **what He wants**.

Pilate and Herod

- Civil trial #3: Jesus before Pilate. John 18:39-19:16
 - Pilate seeks to have Jesus released
 - The real issue: Jesus claims to be the Son of God
 - Pilate claims to be innocent of killing Jesus. Matt 27:24
 - The Jewish crowds accept this responsibility. Matt 27:25
 - Jesus is led out to be crucified. Matt 27:26
 - **Application:** though the whole world is guilty of putting Jesus' to death, God used His death to offer salvation to all who believe!

What have we learned?

1. Show compassion; don't just perform religious rituals.
2. Follow God's Word, not human traditions
3. Don't worry about "our place;" simply do what God calls you to do
4. Be a holy temple where God is worshipped
5. Love God and love your neighbour

What have we learned?

6. Realize that religious people will always oppose God's work
7. Fight for **God's** kingdom; tell others how they can enter it
8. Jesus is not here to perform for us; we are here to serve Him
9. God uses even the bad things in our lives to bring about good