

# JESUS: THE GREATEST LIFE OF ALL

## ANALYSIS OF A COURTROOM FIASCO

SELECTED SCRIPTURES



### The Heart of the Matter

Jesus is the only person to live His entire life without doing anything wrong, yet He was arrested, tried, convicted, and condemned to suffer a punishment normally reserved for the Roman Empire's worst criminals. His arrest was a betrayal, His trials a farce, His convictions illegal, and His punishment a travesty of justice. Yet through it all, He remained calm, He answered questions honestly, He spoke the truth with dignity, and He calmly resolved to allow the Father to vindicate Him at the proper time. We would do well to imitate Christ in our response to the injustices we experience in our lives.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. General Observations about Jesus's Trials

Jesus went through six trials — three religious and three civil — and though all were a farce, the first three were illegal.

#### 2. The First Trial (John 18:19–23)

Jesus appeared before Annas, the former high priest and father-in-law of the current high priest.

#### 3. The Second Trial (Mark 14:53, 55–65; John 18:24)

Jesus appeared before the high priest, Caiaphas.

#### 4. The Third Trial (Mark 15:1; Luke 22:66–71)

Jesus appeared before the Sanhedrin, the Jewish Supreme Court.

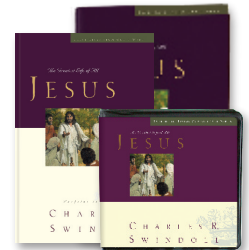


### Starting Your Journey

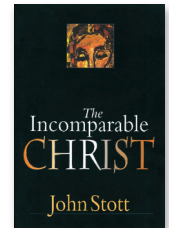
If you've known the injustice and humiliation of unfair treatment, don't lash out but entrust yourself to Him who judges righteously.



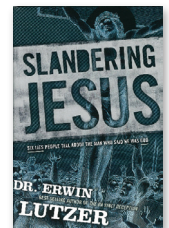
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