



Sanctuary

*YOU ARE AWESOME, OH
GOD, IN YOUR
SANCTUARY; THE GOD
OF ISRAEL GIVES
POWER AND STRENGTH
TO HIS PEOPLE. PRAISE
BE TO GOD!*

- PSALMS 68:35

*Welcome to
Sierra Community Church*



The Servant King



The story of the **King**... who came to **serve**.

God In The Dock

Mark 14:53-65

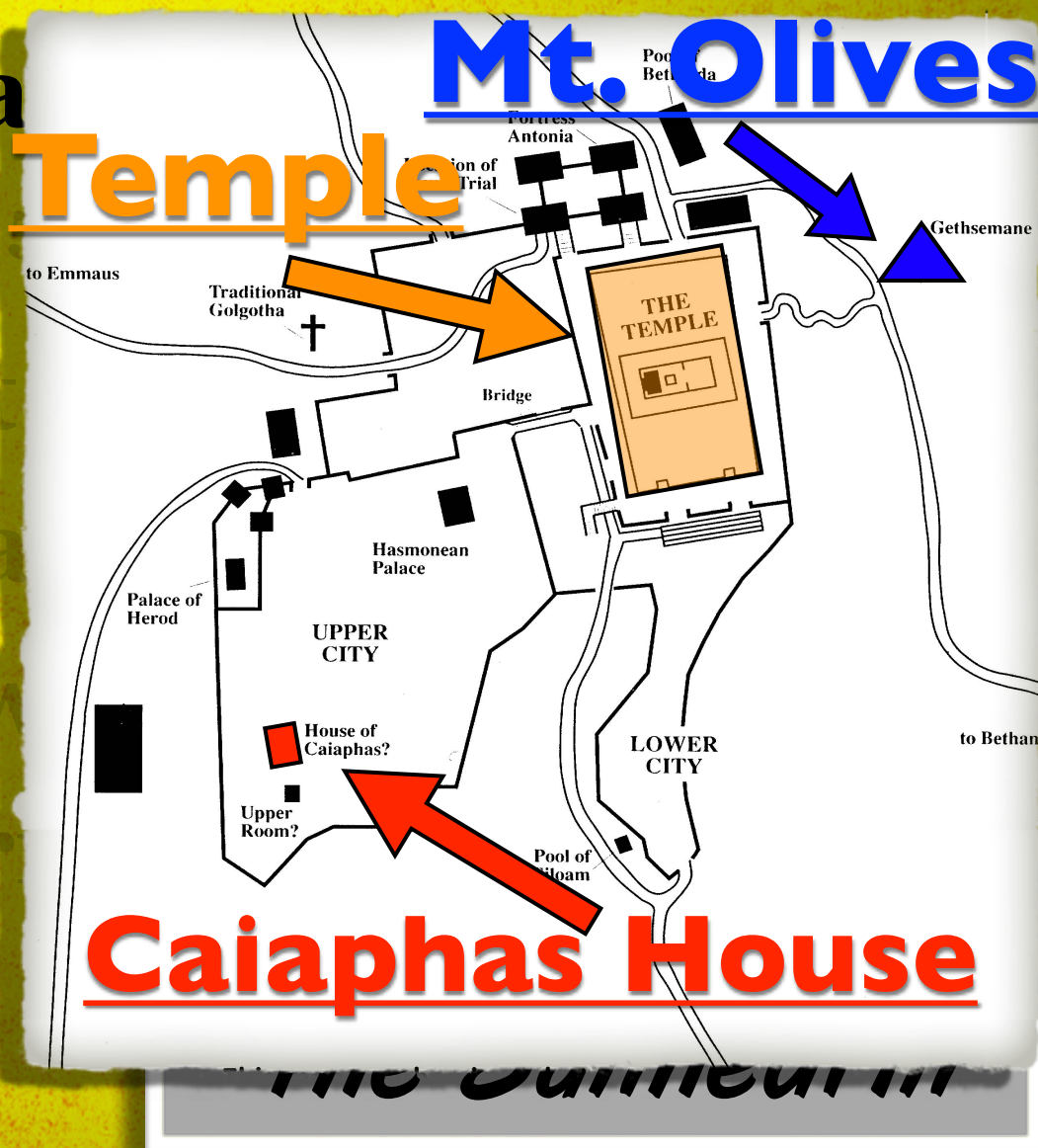
“The Sentencing of God”



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The Sanhedrin

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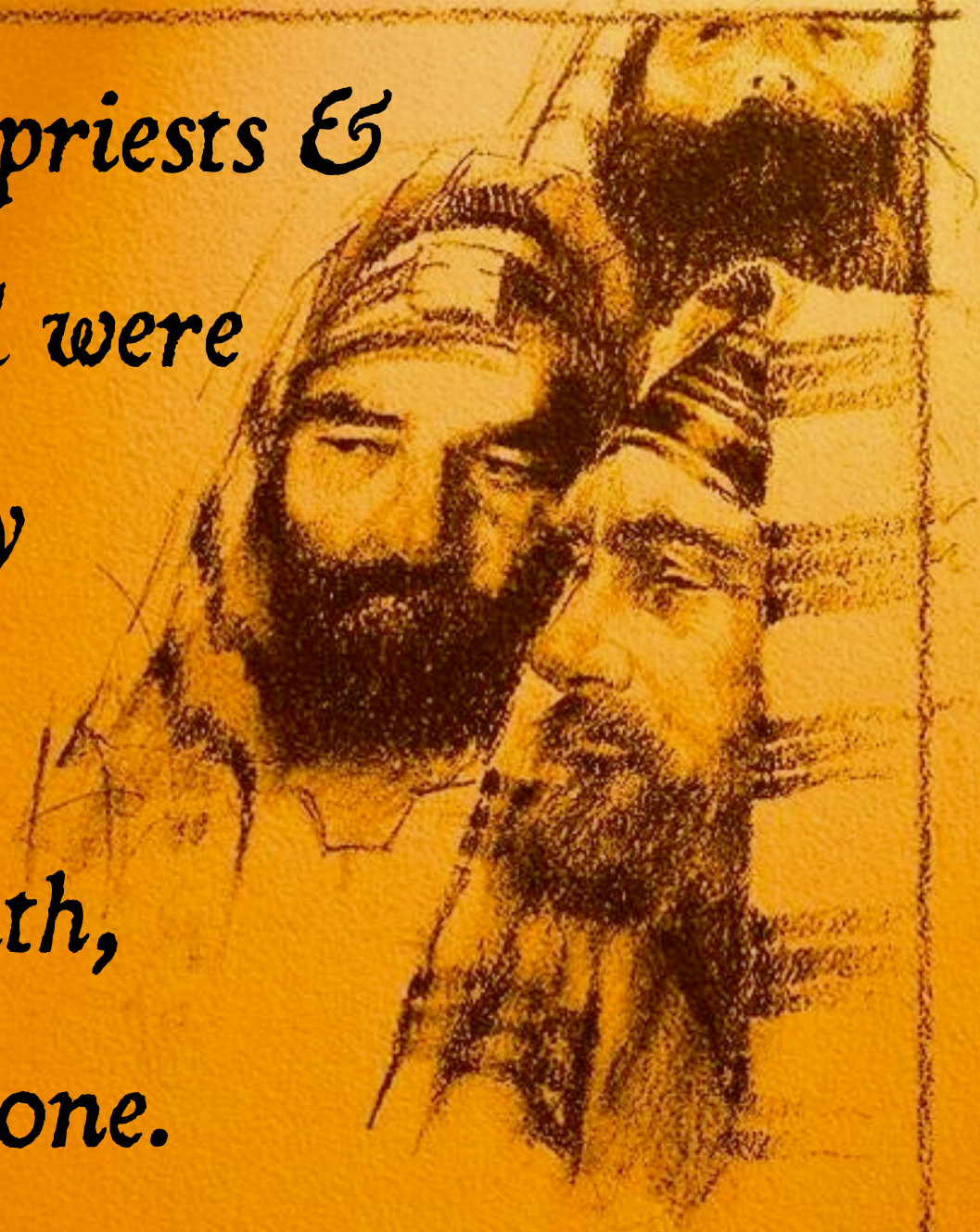
Life Lesson #1

Honoring God often means
leaving the warmth of the fire.

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A comfortable distance

*55 Now the chief priests &
the whole council were
seeking testimony
against Jesus
to put him to death,
but they found none.*



56 For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree.
57 And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, 58 “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” 59 Yet even about this their testimony did not agree.

False Testimony

**⁶⁰ And the high priest stood up
in the midst and asked Jesus,
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Answer what?

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No legal proceedings during Passover.

No trials at night.

Trials required to take place in a court.

Had to have two agreeing witnesses.

The Sanhedrin could only investigate evidence.

There where no appointed lawyers.

24 hours required between sentencing and executions.

It's clear that had already made up their minds!

**Disregarding the means to
get the end ~~THEY~~ desire.**

I fudge on my taxes.

Embellish a story about myself.

Take small liberties in a job interview.

Use subtle emotional manipulation to get something.

Life Lesson #2

Doing thing the “right thing” requires doing
it for the right reason, & the right way.

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Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

The big question

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The HUGE answer

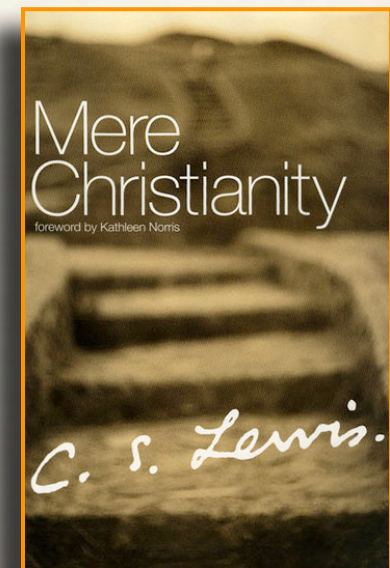
⁶³ And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? ⁶⁴ You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵ And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” And the guards received him with blows.

The Explosion

“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: *I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God.* That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. *He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell.* You must make your choice.

Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but *let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher.* He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.” - C.S. Lewis

C.S. Lewis “*Mere Christianity*”
Touchstone Pub. 1980 Pg.56



Substitution: The Problem & Blessing

Sin: *I substitute myself in the place of God.*

Salvation: *Instead of sitting as Judge, Jesus substitutes Himself in my place of guilt.*

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