**Bible Class Notes – *Studies on The Lord Jesus* – Lesson 155**

**Notes The Saviour – Arrested and Falsely Condemned.**

**A UK Trial – Usually a good, fair trial**

 **Courtroom – Open, visible**

 **Judge – Impartial, Fair, Judging by the Law of UK**

 **The Jury – Sworn in, to be fair and honest**

 **The Accused – The one on trial**

 **The Charge – Checked out by CPS to see if a real case**

 **The Evidence – Sworn under oath**

 **The Prosecution – Bringing the charge against the accused**

 **The Defence – Challenging the evidence to show Not Guilty**

 **The Jury Verdict – Guilty or Not Guilty**

 **The Sentence or Acquittal**

**Christ’s Arrest and Trial. Totally Unfair.**

**The Arrest. Secretly.** Judas was paid 30 pieces of silver to show the Temple soldiers who and where the Lord was. Foretold by Zachariah 12v12-14

The Lord was in the Garden of Gethsemane with the other disciples. **VA Remove 1** It was at night so Judas betrayed the Lord to them with a kiss on the cheek. The Lord allowed them to take Him away. His disciples fled. He was all alone.

**The Trial of The Accused.** Held secretly at night and in the early morning so that it would be over before the crowds were aware of it. At first before Annas, the Head of the Jewish Council, who was biased, determined that the Lord should be put to death. **VA Remove 2**

**The Judge.** Caiaphas – The High Priest, who was also biased against the Lord. He too, wanted Christ dead. **VA Remove 3**

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Even allowing the Jewish Leaders to spit in the Lord’s face and punch Him.

**The Charge. Blasphemy. VA Remove 4** The Lord had claimed to bethe Christ, The Son of God. Irrespective of His miracles, the Jews rejected the Lord as the Son of God. He was not guilty of blasphemy - **He is God The Son.**

**The Evidence and Prosecution.** **VA Remove 5 & 6** There was no real evidence. People were paid to lie and mis-quote the Lord’s words. “***This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.” Matthew 26v61.*** Speaking of His death and resurrection.**The High Priest challenged the Lord, *“I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.” Matt 26v63***

The Defence.VA Remove 7The Lord said, “Thou hast said: nevertheless, I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.” Matthew 26v64. The Lord referred to His 2nd coming, in Final Judgement.

The defence did not exist. He did not demand release. The Lord refused to defend Himself against them. **Isaiah 53v7.** ***He was oppressed, and He he was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth.***

**The Sentence.**Guilty. But they did not have the power to put Him to death. The Roman Governor, Pilate would need to authorise this.

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All seemed lost for the Lord Jesus. But this is what He came to earth for. To die on the cross.

**Another Trial - The Final Judgement when The Lord Jesus Christ Returns in Power and in His Glory.**

The greatest trial of all history! It could be very soon! This trial will be very fair. VA A1 The Last Judgement

**A Good Judge.** The Lord has promised to come to earth again. This time in power and glory to carry out the final judgement of everyone who has ever lived. **VA A2** Appointed by His Father, He will judge fairly, in absolute truth and righteousness. **VA A3**

**An Open Trial.** We will be tried openly for all to see God’s holiness and justice. Nothing hidden. All our sins revealed.

**The Accused. A Fair Trial.** The Lord will judge all our thoughts and deeds according to His Law. **VA A4**

**The Charge and Prosecution.** Sin against God. **VA A5** God has written His Law on our hearts and on the consciences of our soul. He has written His Law in His Word, The Bible. So, we are without excuse. God is very fair. We have knowingly broken them. Even many times.

The Evidence. God has a complete record of all our sinful thoughts and deeds, every one of them. These are written in God’s Books of Remembrance. VA A6 These will be opened on that great and awesome day. We will not be able to deny any of them.

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***The Apostle John wrote, “And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened* (The Books of Remembrance)*: ….. and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.” Revelation 20v12***

*Do you acknowledge this? Are you convicted? Do you hate your sin? Have you repented your sin?*

**The Defence.**We will be speechless as we know that we are guilty of every recorded sin and will have no defence. We will not argue that we have been good some of the time, nor will we be able to plead that we are not as bad as others are. **VA A7** We cannot claim to have Christian parents or that we read our Bibles, and went to Church.

We will have no defence to get us acquitted.

**The Eternal Sentence. Only One of Two Outcomes!**

**Guilty** - For those who, during their life on earth, had never looked to the Lord Jesus Christ in faith and trusted Him as their personal Saviour and Lord, and had never repented, seeking forgiveness for their sin.

**Revelation 21v27. *And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire (Hell).* Their name is missing because they did not come to the Saviour before the end of time.**

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The Guilty will be banished from God’s Heavenly presence to experience God’s wrath and anger for eternity.

**But Today I have Good News for each of you! God is very fair. None of the Elect for whom Christ died shall be lost.**

**Acquitted** – All those who had personally come to Christ in repentance and faith; All those for whom Christ had died - the Elect, whose names are in the Lamb’s Book of Life. All those who had responded to God’s gracious Gospel Call before the final day comes.

When Christ died on Calvary, He took the eternal punishment for the sin of all who would believe and repent. He took the sin-guilt for His Elect People and replaced it with His righteousness so they could enter Heaven.

***Every day brings us nearer to our death or His return. Are we ready for this day?***

***To be acquitted we must be safe through our trust in Christ, Who died for sinners on the cross. Otherwise, we will each be held responsible for the guilt of our sin.***

**Have you sought the Lord and found His forgiveness?**

**Is your name in the Lamb’s Book of Life?**

**Will Christ’s righteousness cancel out the list of your sins in God’s Books of Remembrance?**

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**Important Lesson for us Today: How should we view death?**

**The Bible speaks of 3 types of Death; 2 are certain for all, but the 3rd is for those who reject God.**

1. **Spiritual death** - from our birth all are dead to God; we do not love Him or want Him in our life.
2. **Physical death** - the death of our body which ends this life - the gateway to eternity for our soul.
3. **Eternal death** - **if** we have not trusted that the Lord Jesus Christ suffered and died for our sins **before** our physical death. Then we must face God’s judgement for our sin **Hebrews 9v27** speaks of our appointment with God. and be sent away from God, to Hell, for all eternity. Our conscience, which remembers all our sin, will show us the fairness and holiness of God, and that we deserve this punishment.

(**Rom 2v15-16**) Our conscience bearing witness that we are rightfully guilty if we have not been forgiven.

**Do not reject God as so many do today. Hear God’s gracious call; repent now, while you live.**

**Have your sinful soul made perfect so as to enjoy Eternal Life with God in His holy home, Heaven.**