

The Shame We Deserved

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John 18:12-27

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The arrest and trials of Jesus demonstrate the shaming of the one who was perfect.

- See Psalm 69:1-21.
- The one who deserves all HONOR was SHAMED.

You see it in four ACTS:

ACT 1

SETTING: We are probably at the GATE of the GARDEN of GETHSEMANE.

[12] *So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him.*

- You have the secular authorities. A Roman Cohort. You have their captain... A Roman Tribune (a Chiliarch) and the religious authorities (the officers of the Jews)
- 2 Cor. 4:4 – [4] *In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*
- John 3:19 – [19] *And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil.*

The EVIDENCE: They ARRESTED JESUS and then they BOUND HIM.

- They APPREHEND HIM and they BOUND HIS HANDS with ROPE.
- IN other WORDS they TREATED HIM as IF he were a CRIMINAL.
 - Matthew 26:55 – [55] *At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. [56] But all this has taken place that the Scriptures might be fulfilled.”*
 - Psalm 28:3 – [3] *Do not drag me off with the wicked, with the workers of evil,*
 - Psalm 31:11 – [11] *Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.*

FUNDAMENTALLY, JESUS BECOMES the OBJECT of SHAME for US.

- He is BOUND for several reasons.
 - 1) Criminals were bound. Jesus came to be treated like a criminal.
 - 2) Sacrifices were bound... Psalm 118:27.

JESUS is led up the mountain... [13] *First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.*

- Annas had been the high priest from 6 AD to 15 AD.
- In the OT Law... you were supposed to be the HIGH PRIEST for LIFE.

- But Annas had been deposed from being High Priest by the Romans.
- Over the next half-century, five of his sons would serve as high priest, his son-in-law Joseph Caiaphas would serve as high priest, and even a grandson would serve as high priest.

[14] *It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.*

- This is a reference to John 11:49 – Where Caiaphas had said that it would be expedient that one may die for the people.
- Caiaphas has already advised the SANHEDRIN that JESUS should be SACRIFICED as a POLITICAL SACRIFICE... so that unrest was not CAUSED with ROME.
- In STATING this, by the HOLY SPIRIT... he stated our doctrine of substitution—that one man would die for His people.

ACT 2

SETTING: The House/Palace of the High Priest. A Compound with a LOWER, OPEN COURTYARD in the MIDDLE. The OUTSIDE GATE ... led into this Courtyard... which then gave access to the various buildings.

[15] *Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest,*

- The followed Jesus from some distance back...
- The other DISCIPLE is probably the Apostle John, who often goes unnamed through John's Gospel.
- John had a connection and entered the COURTYARD with JESUS...

[16] *but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in.*

- PETER was on the outside looking in...
 - Sometimes God providentially blocks your step. And that's a good thing.
 - But Peter presses forward.
- John unwittingly brings PETER into DANGEROUS TERRITORY.

[17] *The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."*

- She asked the question in a NEGATIVE, PEJORATIVE way while almost certainly knowing that the answer was an AFFIRMATIVE.
 - Peter does not deny the Lord's deity.
 - Peter does not deny the Lord as Savior.
 - Peter does not deny that the Lord is the Son of God.
- Peter denies being one of the LORD's disciples.
 - Luke 9:26 – [26] *For whoever is ashamed of me and my words, of Him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in glory and the glory of the Father and His holy angels.*
 - Peter balks at being associated with CHRIST.

[18] *Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.*

- The servants and officers.... The very people who arrested Jesus made a charcoal fire in the courtyard... and they began warming themselves.

ACT 3

SETTING – A chamber room at the palace of the High Priest.

[19] *The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.*

- This is Annas... who is also still called the High Priest... verse 24 makes this CLEAR.
- This is against the JEWISH LAW... you don't question anyone without witnesses and without a charge. Essentially Annas is trying to get Jesus to incriminate himself.
- He asks about his religious followers and what he has taught them.

[20] *Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret.*

- Jesus had spoken his message in the official spaces of Judaism.
- In the synagogues (John 6)
- In the Temple (John 2, 5, 7, 8, and 10)
- Jesus had spoken his message to THOUSANDS.
- His point... was that everything he said privately... he said publicly. No doctrines were hidden.
- 2 Corinthians 4:2 – [2] *But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.*

[21] *Why do you ask me?*

- A double-layered question? This is a question: Why am I being questioned before a CHARGE is brought?
- Why is the high priest asking about doctrine when Jesus's doctrine has been out in the open?

Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said."

- Jesus is saying, that there are thousands of witnesses to what He has said... ask them.
- Nothing is hidden, and he does not NEED to give an answer to incriminate himself.

[22] *When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?"*

- Jesus is BOUND... he has no way of defending himself.
 - Isaiah 50:6 – [6] *I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.*
 - Micah 5:1 – [1] *with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek.*

[23] *Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?"*

- Notice our Lord's composure and faithfulness.

- He does not revile. He does not curse. He does not threaten.

[24] *Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.*

- With Caiaphas there would be a legal proceeding with the elders and scribes before the official meeting of the Sanhedrin in the morning.
- But at this meeting, 1) Jesus was beaten;
- 2) None of the witnesses agreed with one another
- 3) The Death Penalty could not be given on the same day as the trial
- 4) Illegal to meet on the eve of the Sabbath or a holy day.

This ENDS with the JEWISH leaders walking in disobedience to God and CHRIST being vindicated as righteous.

ACT 4

SETTING: Outside in the Courtyard

[25] *Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself.* Peter is wallowing in his sin. He is still there waiting around the same people who arrested our Lord.

- 1 Corinthians 15:33 – [33] *bad company ruins good morals*

So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.”

[26] *One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?”*

[27] *Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.*