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Intro – (Interactive outline notes are found at the end of this document)

Trial #1 - Jesus before Annas

John 18:13 - They brought Him *first* to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year.

Deuteronomy 16:18-20 - Appoint judges and officials... in every town the LORD your God is giving you. They are to judge the people with *righteous judgment*. Don't deny justice or show partiality. Don't accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous. *Pursue justice, and justice alone*, so that you may live, and you may possess the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Deuteronomy 19:16-19 - “If a malicious witness comes forward and accuses someone of a crime, then both the accuser and accused must appear... The judges must investigate the case thoroughly. If the accuser has brought false charges... you must impose on the accuser the sentence he intended for the other person.”

John 18:19 - Annas then questioned Jesus about His disciples, and His doctrine.

2 Corinthians 4:3 - If our gospel is hidden, it's hidden from those who are lost.

John 18:22-24 - Then one of the Temple guards standing nearby slapped Jesus across the face. “Is that the way to answer the high priest?” he demanded. Jesus replied, “If I said something wrong, testify to what was wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike Me?” Then Annas sent Him, still bound, to Caiaphas the high priest.

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Trial #2 - Jesus before Caiaphas.

Matthew 26:59 - Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but *found none*.

Daniel 7:13 - "I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the *Son of Man*, coming with the clouds of heaven! To Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom."

2 Tim. 4:1 - He will *judge* the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom.

Psalms 110 - "The Lord is at Your right hand... He shall *judge* among the nations."

1 Corinthians 4:5 - Judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness.

Trial #3 - Jesus before the Sanhedrin

Luke 22:66-70 - At daybreak... they led Jesus into the Sanhedrin and said, "If You're the Messiah, tell us." Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you won't believe Me... But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." They all asked, "Are You then the Son of God?" He replied, "You rightly say that I am."

Genesis 49:10 - The scepter won't depart from *Judah*, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until He (Messiah) to whom it belongs shall come.

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Jeremiah 23:5 - "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up for *David* a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely.

Micah 5:2 - "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth *are* from of old, from everlasting."

Isaiah 35:4-6 - He will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing.

Zechariah 9:9 - Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! See, your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey.

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Zechariah 11:12-13 - So they weighed out for my wages *thirty pieces of silver*. And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter"--that princely *price they set on Me*.

John 12:42-43 - Many *even among the leaders* believed in Him. But because of the Pharisees they wouldn't confess their faith for fear they'd be put out of the synagogue; for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.

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Jewish judicial system:

- 1. Public trials**
- 2. Right of self defense (Witnesses)**
- 3. At least two credible witnesses against the accused.**
- 4. Executions carried out on the third day.**
- 5. Judge couldn't act as prosecutor.**

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