



CHAPTER 52

The Trials of Jesus



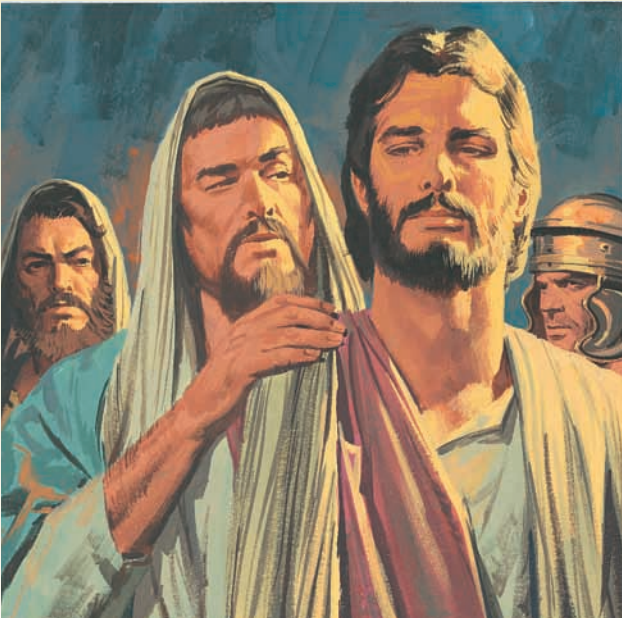
The leaders of the Jews sent men with swords and sticks to the Garden of Gethsemane.

Matthew 26:47



Judas Iscariot was with them. The chief priests had paid Judas to show the men where Jesus was.

Matthew 26:14–16, 47



Judas showed the men who Jesus was by kissing Him. The men led Jesus away. They mocked and hit Him. Then they took Jesus to the high priest, Caiaphas.

Matthew 26:48-49, 57; Luke 22:54, 63-65



The Jewish leaders asked Jesus questions. They said that He had broken the law by saying that He was the Son of God. Jesus told them that He was the Son of God. They said Jesus was guilty and should die.

Luke 22:66-71



The Jewish leaders did not have the authority to kill Jesus. They took Him to Pontius Pilate, who could sentence Jesus to die. The Jewish leaders told Pilate that Jesus had taught the people to disobey the Roman law.

Luke 23:1-2



Pilate did not think Jesus had done anything wrong. Pilate wanted to let Jesus go. The crowd wanted Jesus to be crucified.

Luke 23:14-21



Pilate still wanted to let Jesus go. But the priests and the people kept shouting that they wanted Jesus to be crucified.

Luke 23:22-23



Pilate washed his hands. He said that he was not responsible for Jesus's death. The people said that

they would be responsible for His death. Pilate told his soldiers to crucify Jesus.

Matthew 27:24-26