

# Mock Trials of Jesus

	Authority	Accusations	Legality	Results
Jewish Religious Trials	<b>Mock Trial Before Annas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ex-high priest of the Jews</li> <li>Father-in-law of Caiaphas</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Approximate Time: 2:00AM <i>John 18:12-23</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-trial with trumped-up charges.</li> <li>There were no specific questions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Illegal because it was unauthorized inquiry held at night at the residence of Annas.</li> <li>No specific charges.</li> <li>Violence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Guilty" of irreverence</li> <li>Taken to Caiaphas.</li> </ul>
	<b>Mock Trial Before Caiaphas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current high priest</li> <li>Member of the Sanhedrin</li> <li>Son-in-law of Annas</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Approximate Time: 3:30AM <i>Mt.26:56-68; Mk.14:53-65; Jn.18:24</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blasphemy.</li> <li>Claimed to be the Messiah, the Son of God.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Illegal because it was held at night at the residence of Caiaphas.</li> <li>Perjured witnesses could not agree.</li> <li>Violence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guilty of Blasphemy by common consent.</li> <li>Sent to Sanhedrin.</li> </ul>
	<b>Mock Trial Before the Sanhedrin</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sanhedrin (Jewish ruling authorities)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Approximate Time: 6:00AM <i>Mk.15:1; Lk.22:66-71</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blasphemy</li> <li>Claimed to be the Son of God.</li> <li>Rome not interested in blasphemy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formal trial to confirm capital sentence of the illegal night trial.</li> <li>Put Jesus under oath.</li> <li>Caiaphas made each member of Sanhedrin accredited witnesses.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Declared guilty of blasphemy by Sanhedrin</li> <li>Sent to Roman Governor, Pilate, for legal sentence of death.</li> </ul>
Roman Civil Trials	<b>Mock Trial Before Pontius Pilate</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pilate (Governor of Judea)</li> <li>Located at official residence)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Approximate Time: 6:30AM <i>Mt.27:1-2,11; Mk.15:2-5; Lk.23:1-7; Jn.18:28-38</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accused of treason which was worthy of capital punishment in Rome.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Illegal, yet held even though found innocent by Pilate.</li> <li>No defense attorney.</li> <li>Violent.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Found innocent (Jn.18:38).</li> <li>Should have ended trial, but was sent to Herod Antipas.</li> <li>Mob overruled Pilate.</li> </ul>
	<b>Mock Trial Before Herod Antipas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Herod Antipas (Governor of Galilee)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Approximate Time: 7:00AM <i>Lk.23:8-12</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No accusation.</li> <li>Mock trial.</li> <li>Mob violence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Illegal because there was no grounds.</li> <li>Mockery in courtroom.</li> <li>No defense attorney.</li> <li>Violence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mistreated and mocked.</li> <li>Returned to Pilate without a decision by Herod.</li> </ul>
	<b>Mock Trial Before Pontius Pilate</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pilate (Governor of Judea)</li> <li>Second time before Pilate</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Approximate Time: 7:30AM <i>Mt.27:15-26; Mk.15:6-15; Lk.23:13-25; Jn.18:39-19:16</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treason.</li> <li>Bargain with mob.</li> <li>Put on trial with Barabbas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Illegal because Pilate had no proof of guilt.</li> <li>Allowed an innocent man to be condemned.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Found innocent.</li> <li>Yet Pilate bowed to political pressure from the Jews.</li> </ul>