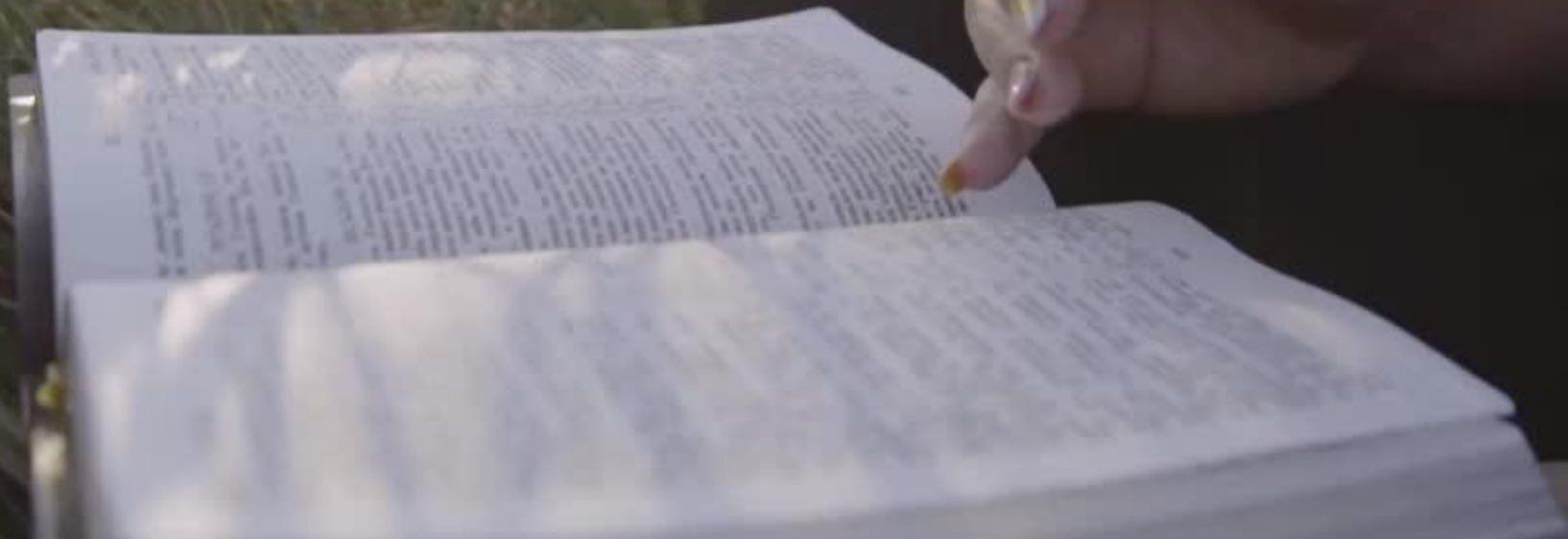


**LEGAL
JUDGEMENT
IN
ISRAEL!**



Matthew 26:57

And those who had laid hold of Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.



**WE WILL
UNDERSTAND
THE TRIAL OF
CHRIST WAS
HOW ILLEGAL
AND UNJUST.**



Deuteronomy 16:18-20

“You shall appoint judges and officers in all your gates, which the Lord your God gives you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with just judgment. ¹⁹ You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous. ²⁰ You shall follow what is altogether just, that you may live and inherit the land which the Lord your God is giving you.



Three prohibitions:

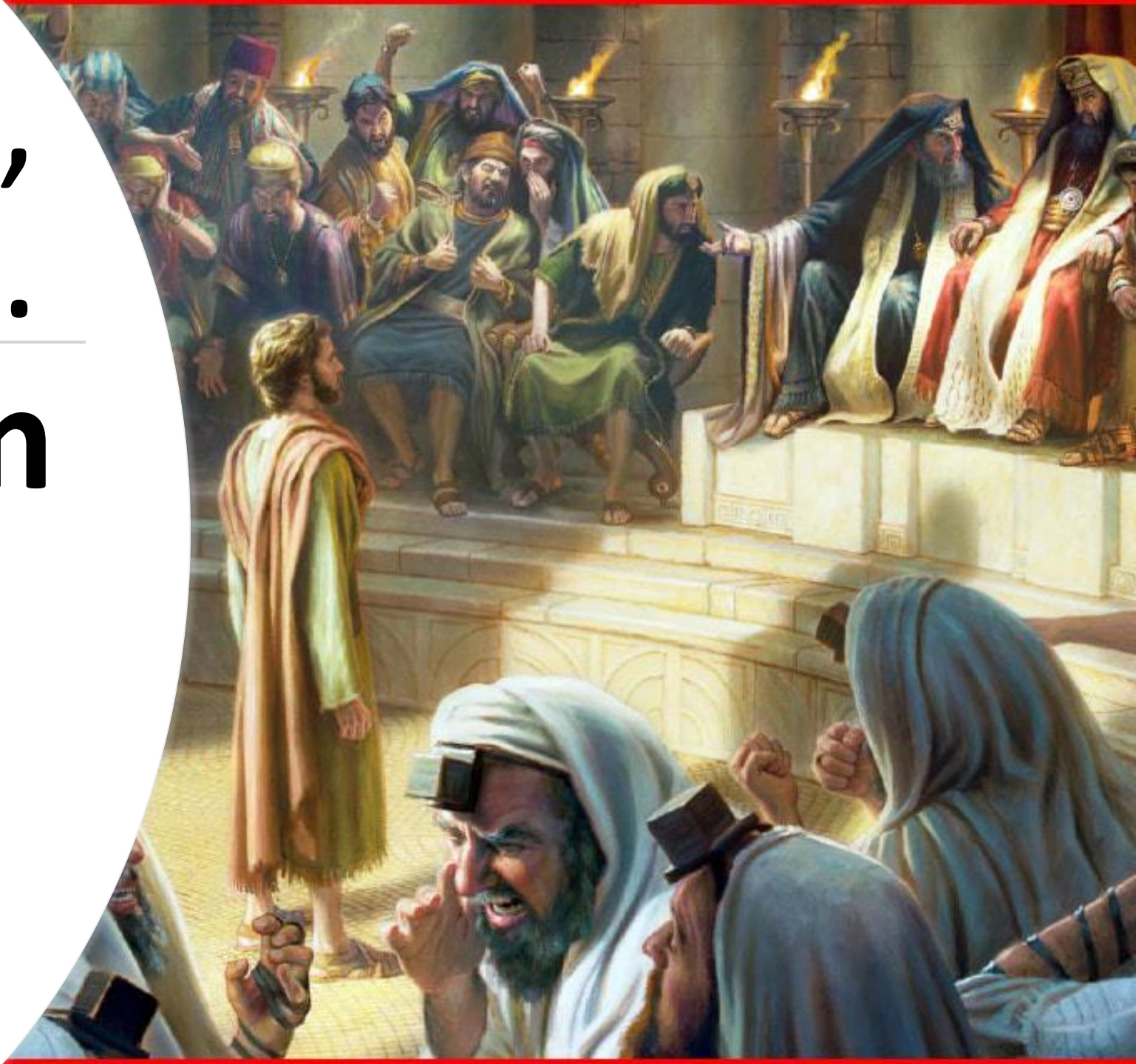
- **Perverting justice** – twisting or distorting the truth.
- **Showing partiality** – favouring individuals based on status, wealth, or relationship.
- **Accepting bribes** – which blinds even the wise and undermines fairness.



Deuteronomy 16, in any area or region or locality where there were **120 men as heads of families**, there was to be a local council in that place.



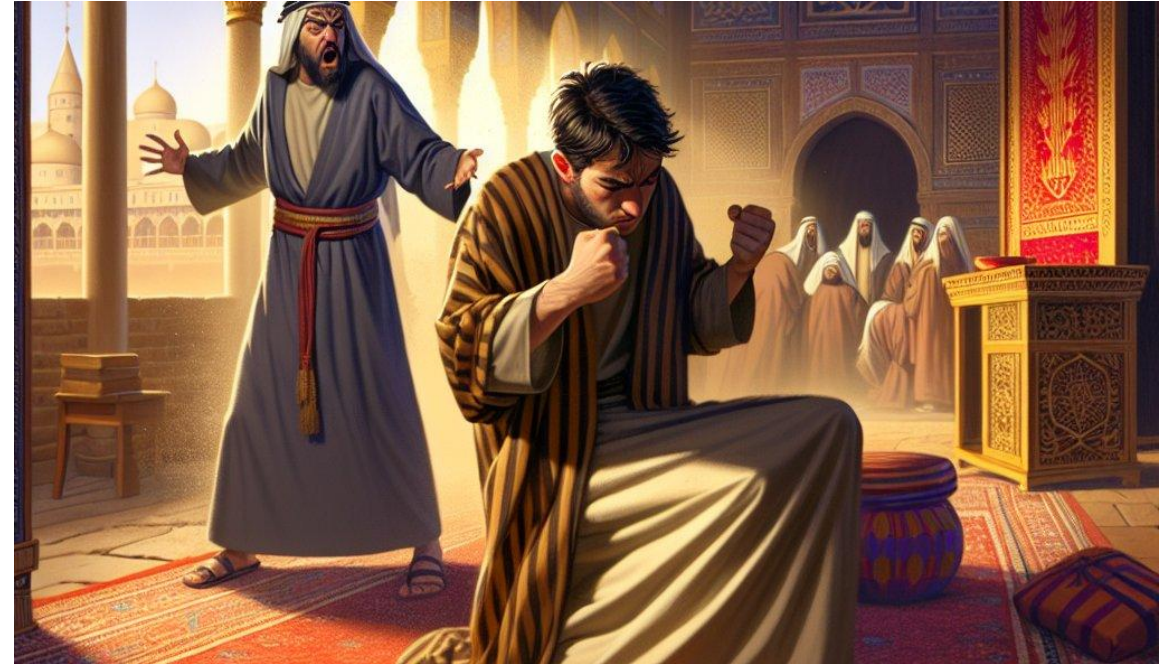
**Sanhedrin,
in Hebrew.
Greek term
means
“*sitting
together.*”**





**23 men would be taken from
the elders of the village.**

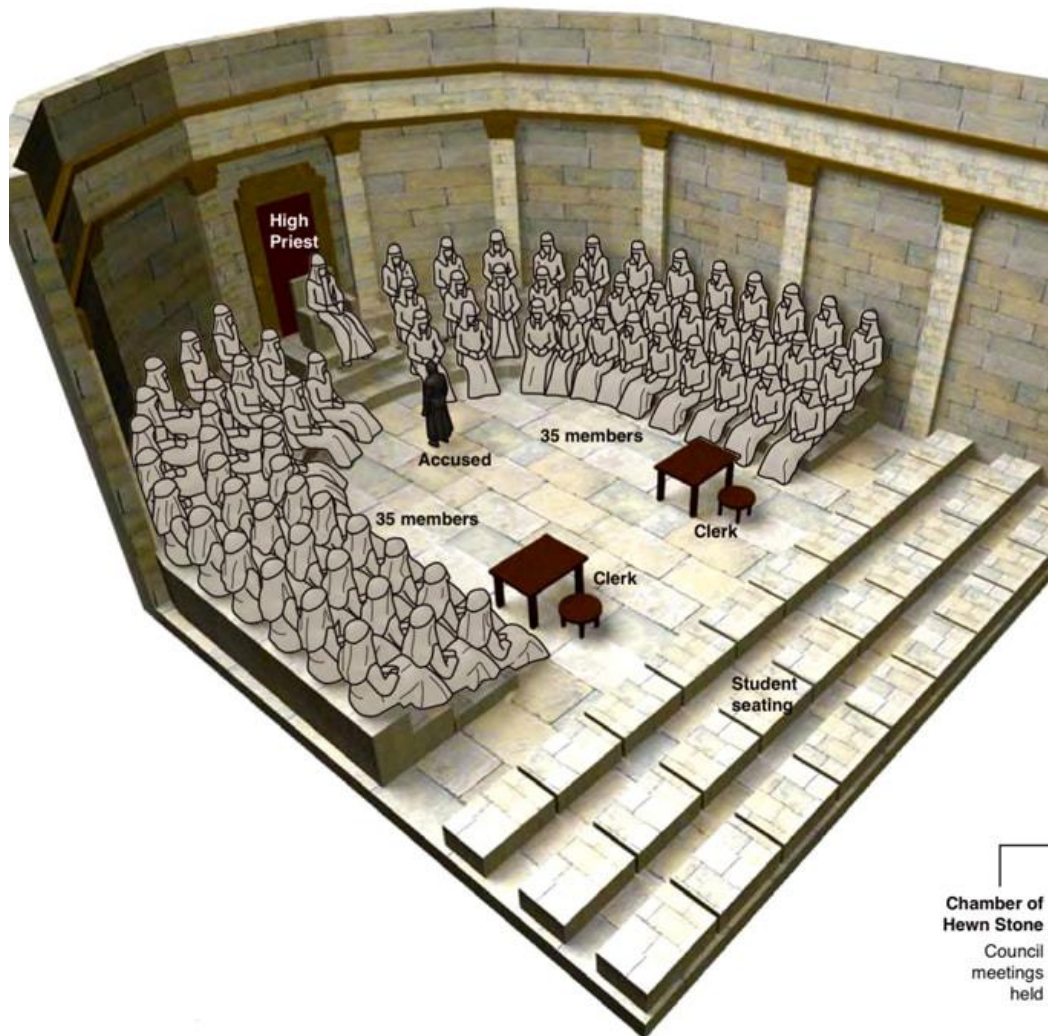
Matthew 5:22 or Matthew 10:17



would be brought before the **council**

THE SANHEDRIN

The Jewish high court consisted of 71 men and was led by the high priest. The Sanhedrin council could decide almost any fate of its people—except death penalty, which was decided by the Romans. The courtroom of the Sanhedrin was located within the Chamber of Hewn Stone inside the Temple.



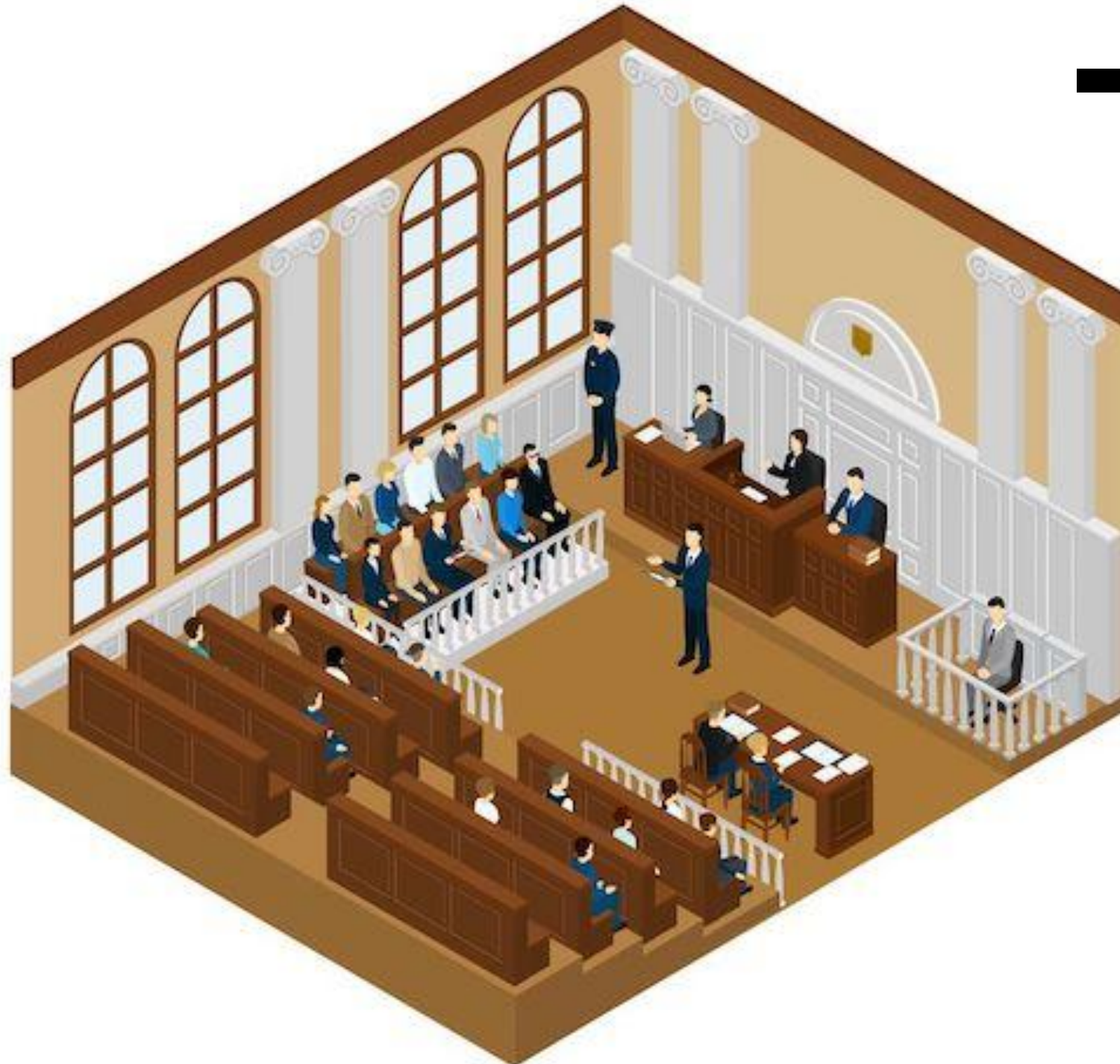
Chamber of Hewn Stone
Council meetings held

The Great Council was composed most likely of **70 men.**

- **24 elders,**
- **24 chief priests,**
- **23 scribes**
- **70 Total**
- **The high priest makes 71.**

Deuteronomy 1:13-17

Choose wise, understanding, and knowledgeable men from among your tribes, and I will make them heads over you.’¹⁴ And you answered me and said, ‘The thing which you have told us to do is good.’¹⁵ So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and knowledgeable men, and made them heads over you, leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders of fifties, leaders of tens, and officers for your tribes.¹⁶ “Then I commanded your judges at that time, saying, ‘Hear the cases between your brethren, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the stranger who is with him.¹⁷ You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid in any man’s presence, for the judgment is God’s. The case that is too hard for you, bring to me, and I will hear it.’



Public trial:



**self-
defence**

2 or 3

witnesses



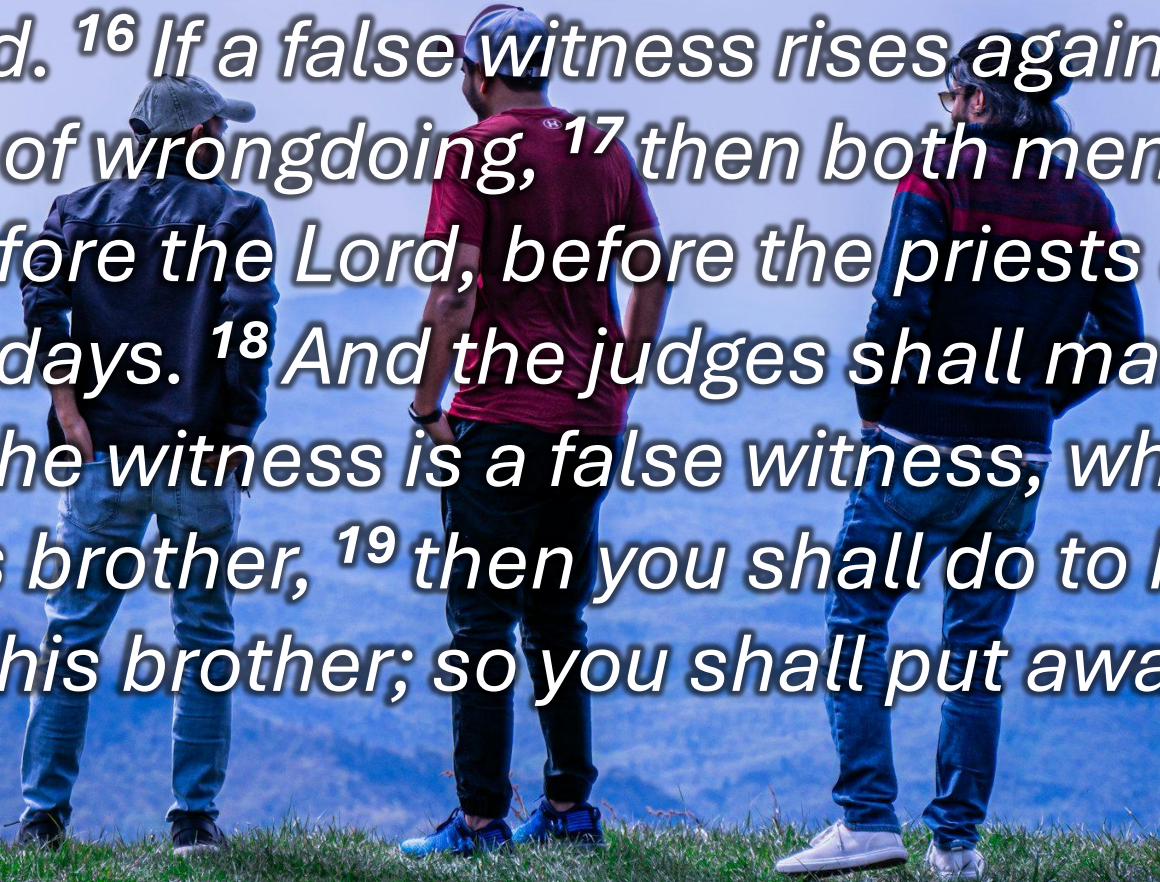


False

witnesses

Deuteronomy 19:15-19

“One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established. ¹⁶ If a false witness rises against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing, ¹⁷ then both men in the controversy shall stand before the Lord, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days. ¹⁸ And the judges shall make careful inquiry, and indeed, if the witness is a false witness, who has testified falsely against his brother, ¹⁹ then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother; so you shall put away the evil from among you.





THE WAY TO ELIMINATE FALSE WITNESSES IS TO ENSURE THEY
SUFFER THE EXACT FATE THEY TRIED TO INFLICT UPON
OTHERS.



The
witnesses
were the
executioners

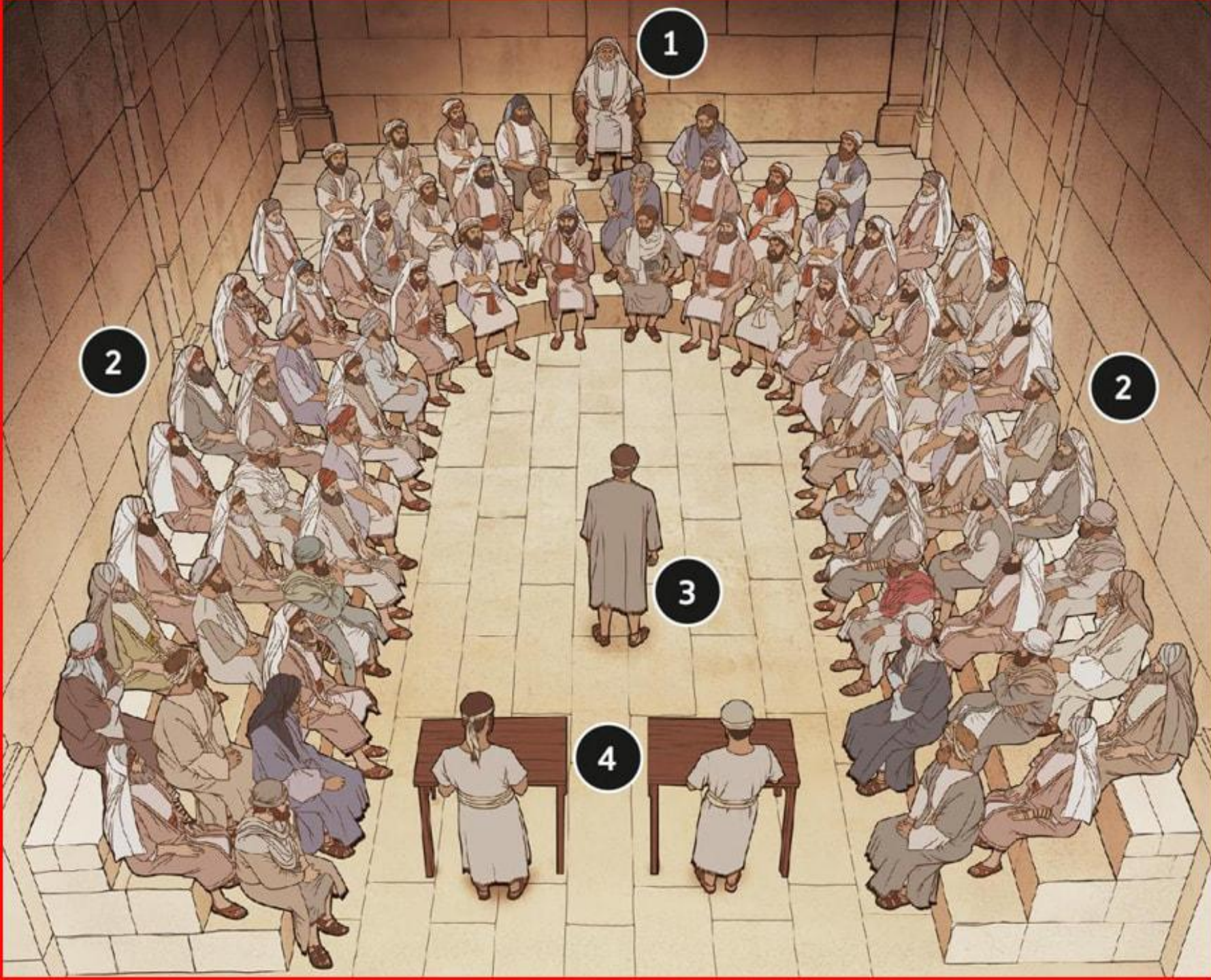


Deuteronomy 17:15-19

Whoever is deserving of death shall be put to death on the testimony of two or three witnesses; he shall not be put to death on the testimony of one witness. ⁷ The hands of the witnesses shall be the first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So you shall put away the evil from among you.

woman caught in
adultery





Sanhedrin

trial
procedure:

“Put your hand on the Bible and swear before God to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.”



**Two
scribes
took down
the votes
of the
judges.**



11 votes out of 23 was sufficient to acquit, it required 13 to convict.

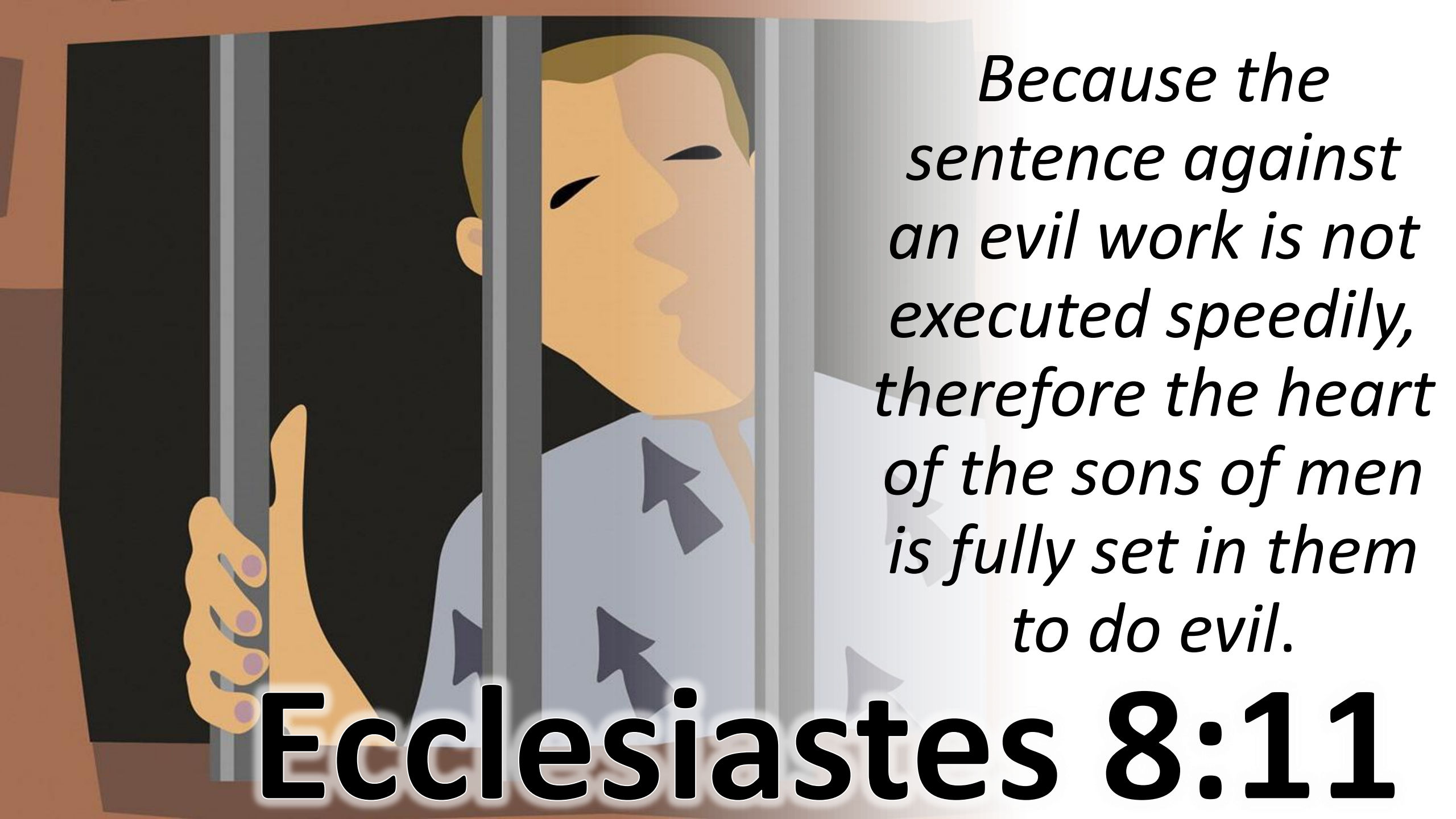




If he was to be punished, the judges postponed pronouncing sentence until the third day.



During the intermediate day they abstained from eating, they had to fast.

An illustration of a man with short brown hair, wearing a light blue button-down shirt with dark blue arrows on it, standing behind vertical grey prison bars. He has a somber expression and is looking slightly to the right. His right hand is visible, gripping one of the bars. The background is dark, suggesting an interior prison cell.

Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

Ecclesiastes 8:11

They
violated
every
single one
of them
wilfully





**the Sanhedrin is to
save, not destroy life.**

~~They~~ killed Jesus the
same day.

- NO Witnesses
- NO Defence.
- NO Arraignment



Jesus had two major trials:

- A **Jewish** ecclesiastical religious trial, and
- A **Roman** secular political trial.





**The Jews
could
condemn
Jesus to
death, but
they
couldn't
execute Him.**

**The Jewish
and the
Gentile
trial each
have three
phases.**



The Jewish trial

- Annas,
- Caiaphas
- Sanhedrin.





A Roman
secular
political trial

- First, He went to Pilate,
- Pilate sent Him to Herod,
- Herod sent Him back to Pilate,
- Pilate condemned Him to death.

From
Gethsemane,
He was taken
to Annas, for
what was to be
an accusation.





Annas was to function like the grand jury, coming up with an indictment.



From Annas,
He was sent
to Caiaphas
and the
Sanhedrin
for the main
Jewish trial.

Matthew 26:57

And those who had laid hold of Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.



John 18:12

Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him.





Speira is made up of 600 Soldiers.

John 18:13

And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year.





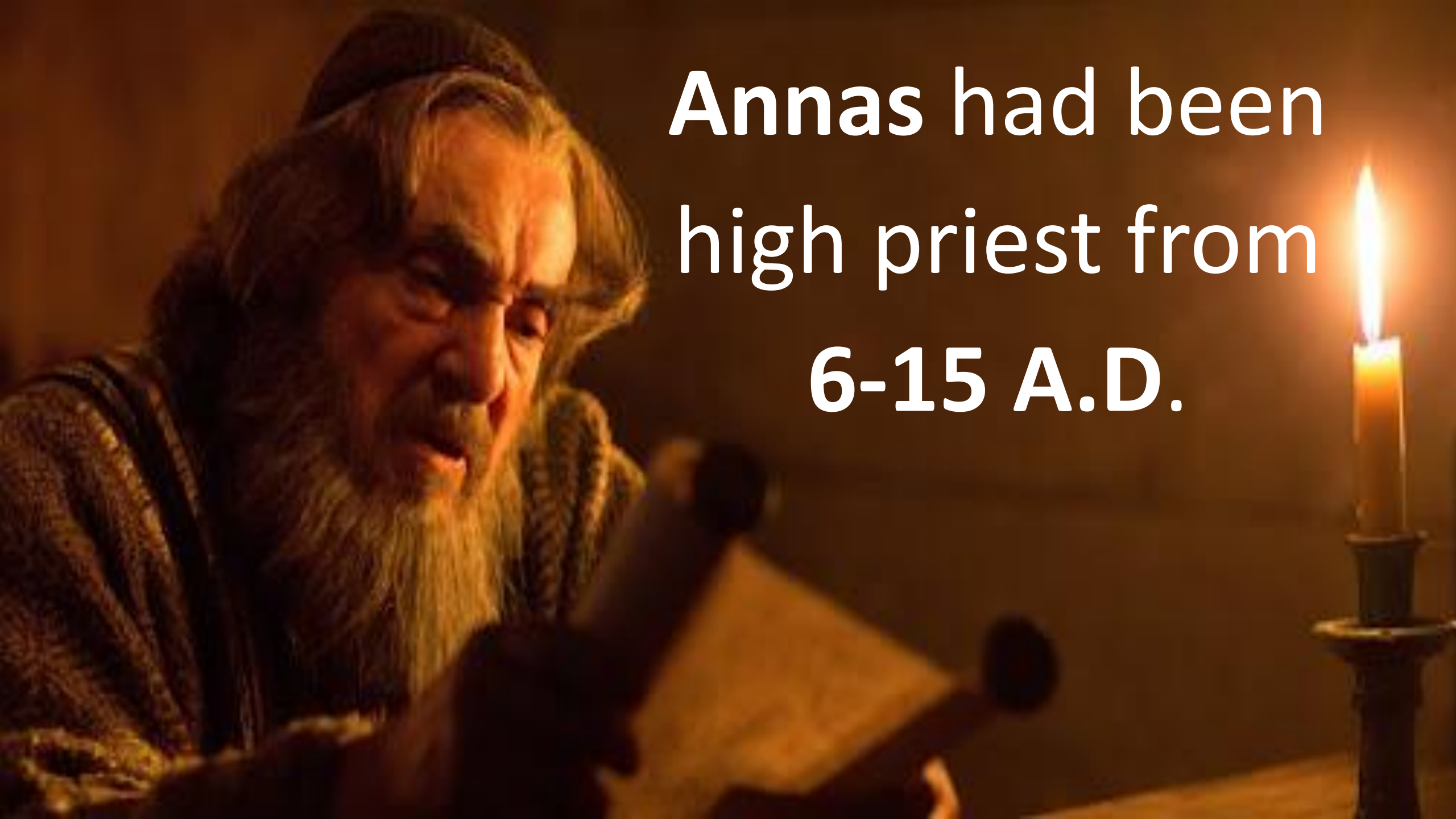
Psalm 118:27

*God is the Lord, And
He has given us light;
Bind the sacrifice with
cords to the horns of
the altar.*

Luke 22:53

When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.



A man with a long, grey beard and a dark cap is shown in profile, looking down at a scroll he is holding. The scene is dimly lit, with a single lit candle in a holder on the right side of the frame providing the primary light source. The man's expression is one of concentration. The background is dark and indistinct.

**Annas had been
high priest from
6-15 A.D.**

**Caiphas was the
existing High
Priest.**



John 18:13

And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year.





Under the Roman rule the position of High Priest becoming a political position



“the bazaars of Annas.”



John 2:13-17



Mark 11:16

And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple.

John 18:19

The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine.



John 18:20-21

Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. 21 Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said."





JESUS ON TRIAL

ANNAS & CAIAPHAS | PILATE & HEROD

**Annas was no match for the
infinite mind of Jesus Christ.**

John 18:22

And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do You answer the high priest like that?"



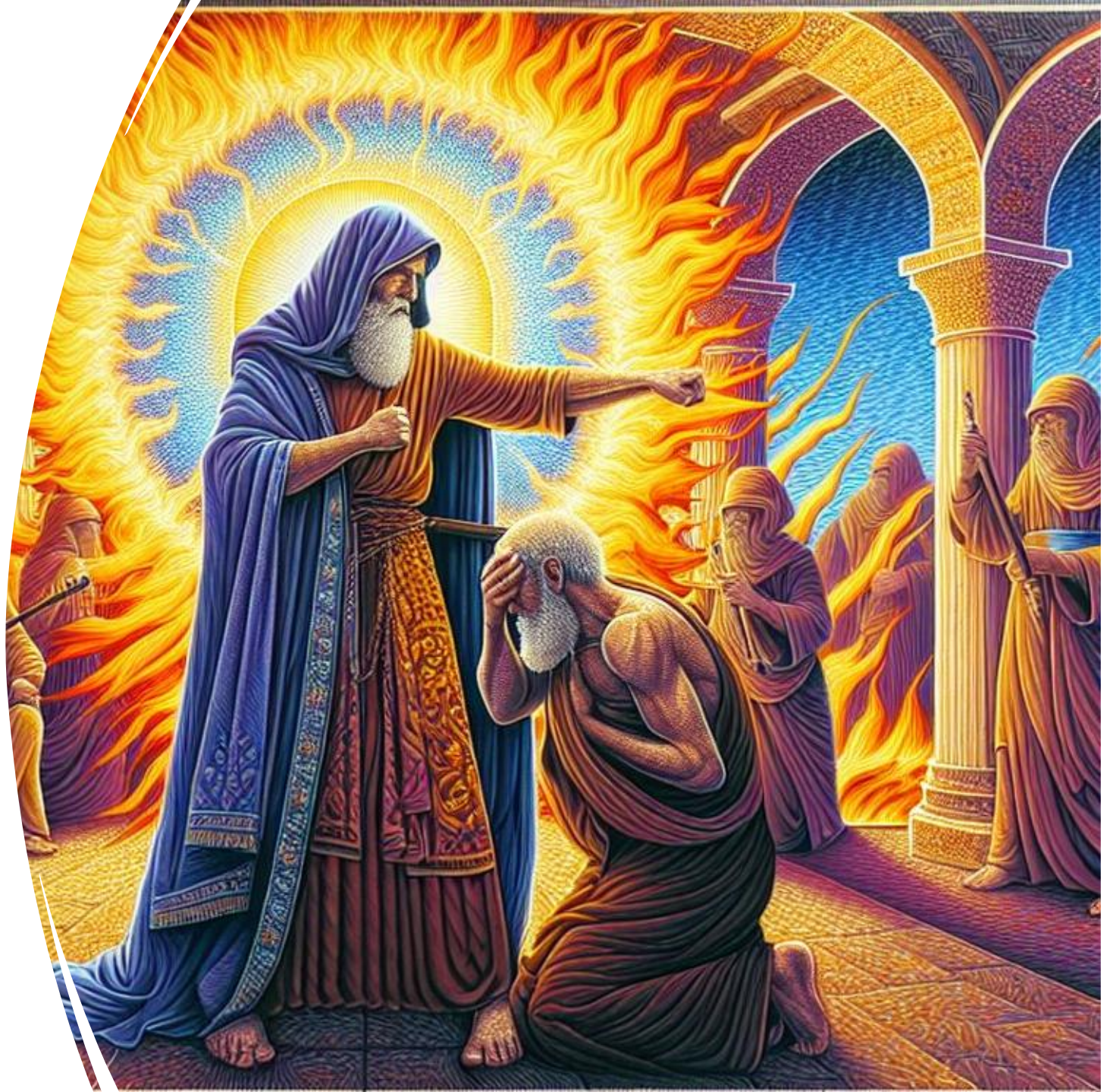


Acts 23:2-3

And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. ³ Then Paul said to him, "God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! For you sit to judge me according to the law, and do you command me to be struck contrary to the law?"

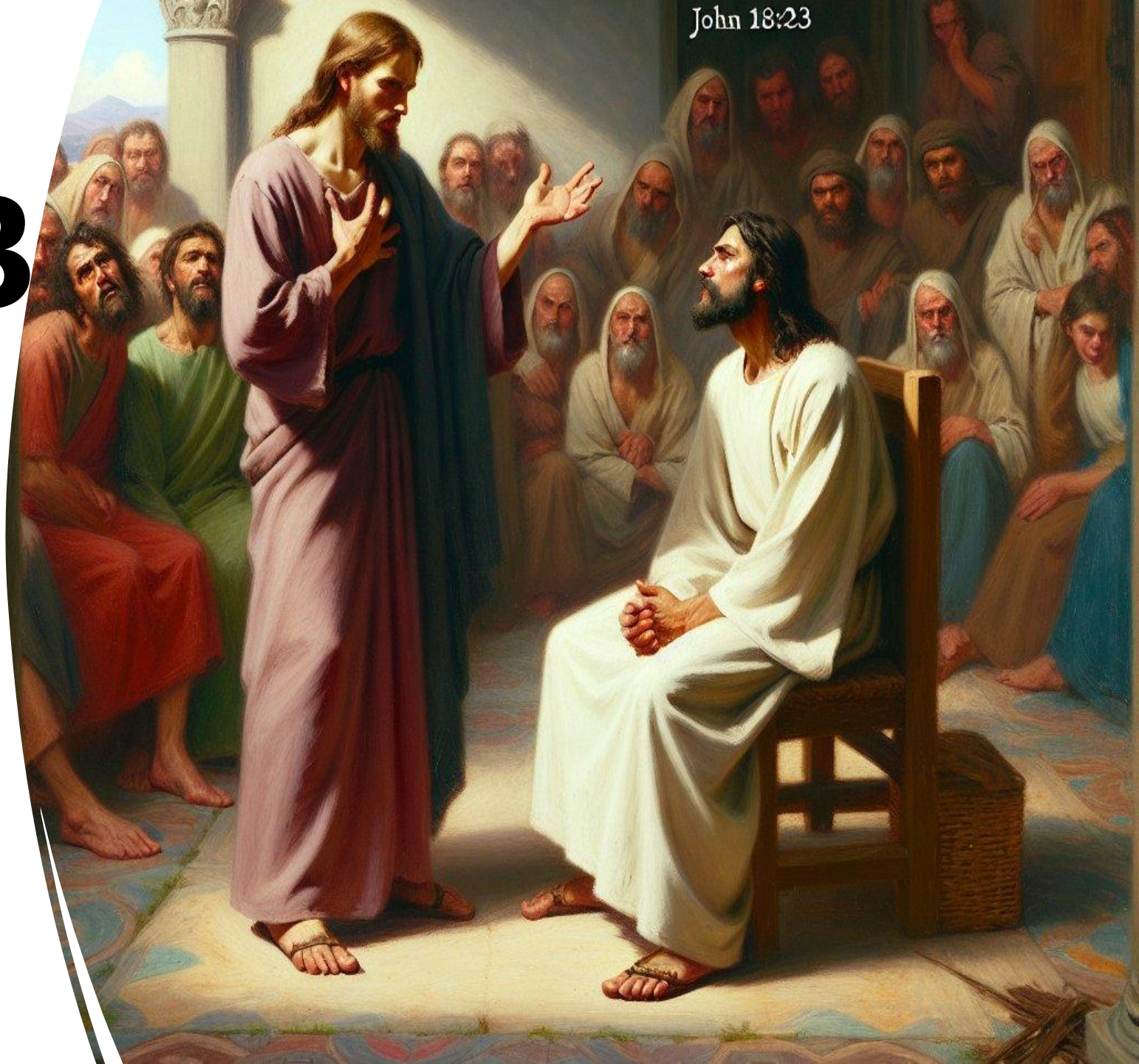
1 Peter 2:23

*who, when He was reviled,
did not revile in return;
when He suffered, He did
not threaten,
but committed Himself to
Him who judges
righteously;*



John 18:23

Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?"



*Then Annas
sent Him
bound
to Caiaphas the
high priest.*

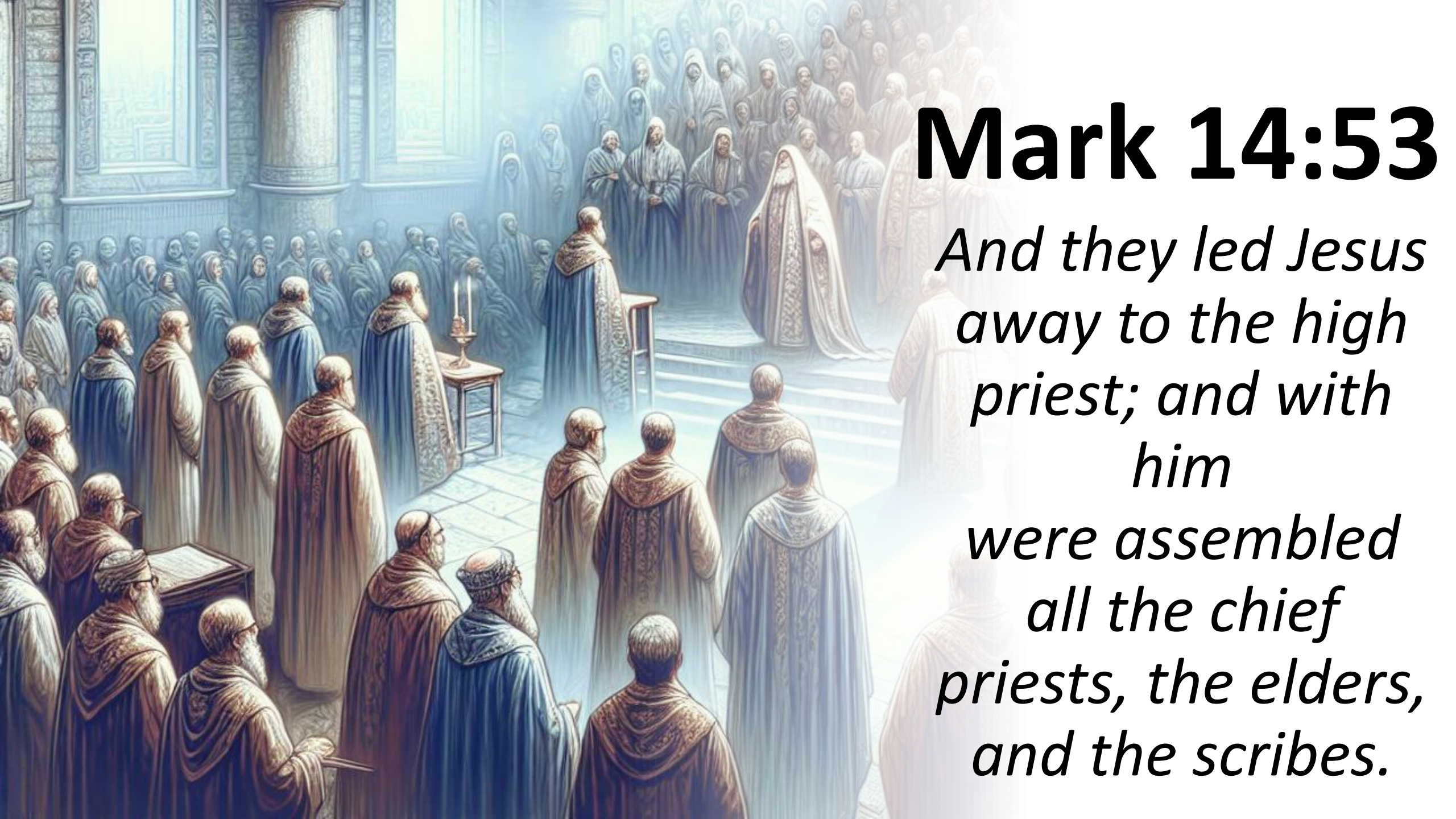
John 18:24



Matthew 26:57

And those who had laid hold of Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.





Mark 14:53

*And they led Jesus
away to the high
priest; and with
him
were assembled
all the chief
priests, the elders,
and the scribes.*

Luke

23:50-51

Now behold, there was a man named Joseph, a council member, a good and just man. ⁵¹ He had not consented to their decision and deed. He was from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God.





Joseph of
Arimathea

**Standing
Alone for God**

Genesis 6–9



Noah built the ark in a corrupt generation, trusting God's word when no one else did

Daniel 6



Daniel prayed openly despite a royal decree, choosing the lion's den over compromise

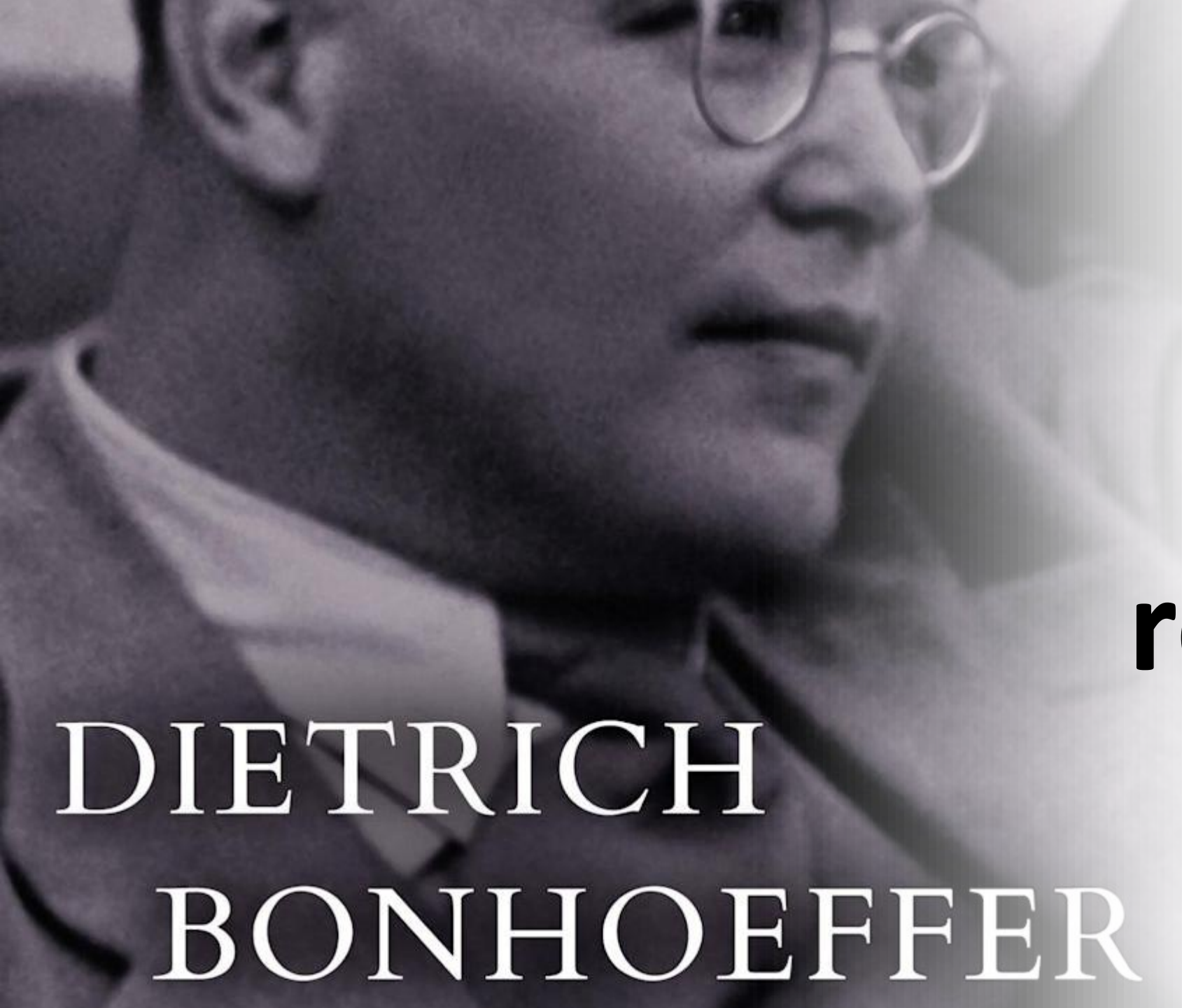
Esther 4:16

IF I PERISH I PERISH



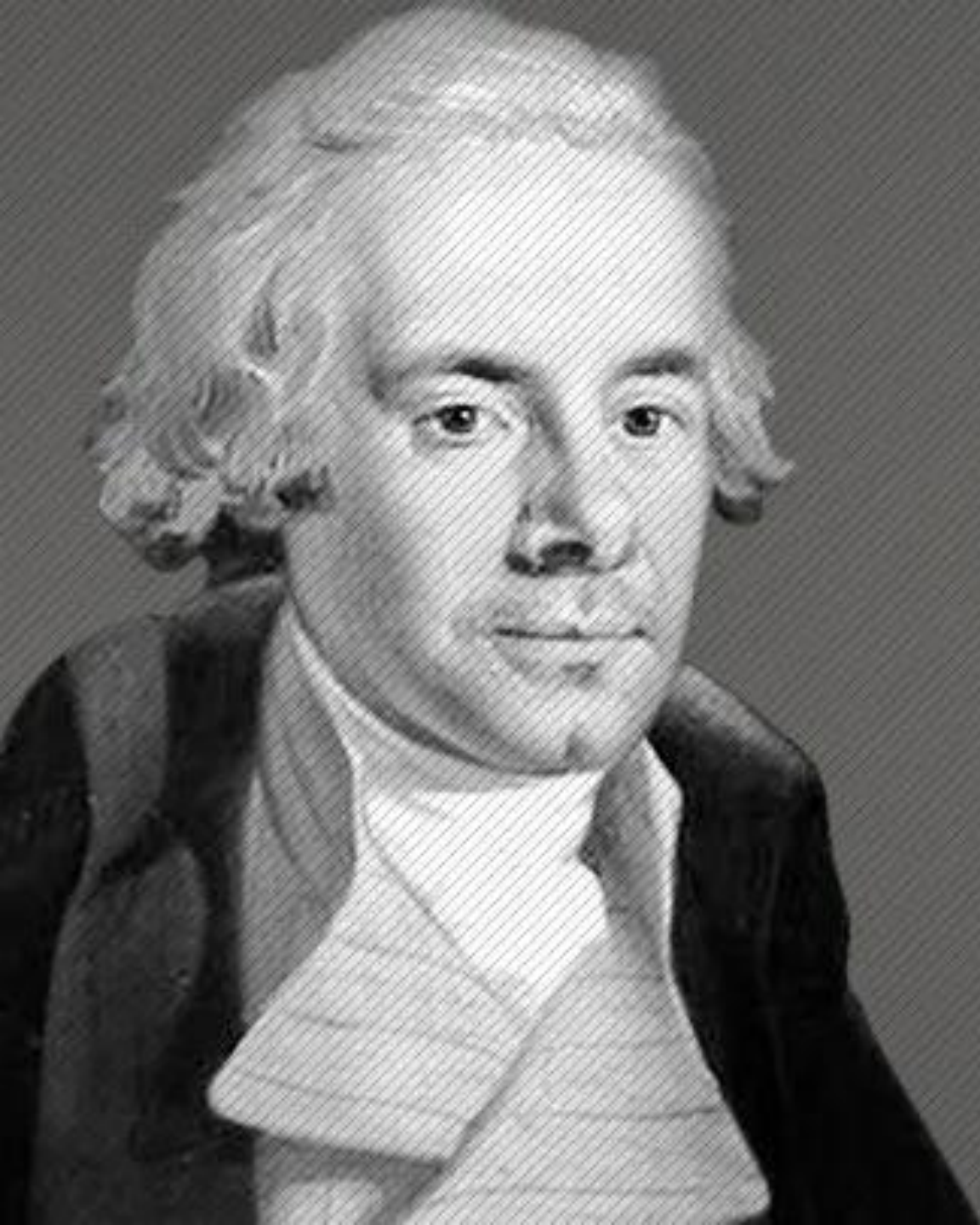
Acts 6–7

Stephen, the first martyr, stood alone before the council, his face shining like an angel



DIETRICH
BONHOEFFER

**German
pastor,
opposed
the Nazi
regime and
paid with
his life.**



WILLIAM WILBERFORCE

1759–1833

**laboured for decades to
abolish the slave trade, often
against political tide.**

**God honours
those who
stand alone for
Him.**

