

STUDY AIDS

Story 39 Jesus Is Put On Trial

A Bible Story from the Books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John

39 - JESUS IS PUT ON TRIAL

OPEN BIBLE STORIES



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A Guide to Using the Stories in the Open Bible Stories

The Reason For The Stories

The stories in the OBS tell about things that happened in the Bible. However, the stories are shorter than the Bible accounts, and the language is often easier to understand. The stories can help people learn about God and what he has done. Also, each paragraph of a story has an image that can help people understand what happened in Bible times when clothing, houses, and culture were very different than they are today.

How to Use The Stories

- **Choose a story to read.** The stories will be easier to understand if you read the stories in order, beginning with the first story.
- **Read the story.** In a group, one person may read the story aloud, or the people may take turns reading portions.
- **Look at the images.** Use the images to help you understand what happened in the story's time. Try to identify the people in the images.
- **Refer to the Notes.** Read the study notes whenever there is a word or something else you do not understand in the story.
- **Discuss the Questions.** Read each question and think about the answer. The first set of questions helps you see what the story says. The next questions help you think about what the story means to you. If you are in a group, allow different people to offer answers to the questions. Look at the answer to each question and see how it is the same as your answer or different from it.
- **Read the Summary.** Read the story summary at the end of the questions. Think about what you have learned about God in the story. Ask the group what they have learned from the story if you are in a group.

The Parts of The Stories

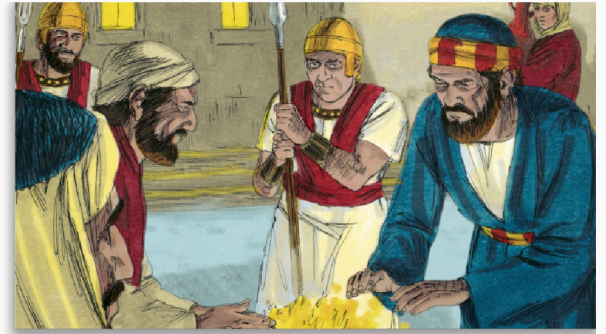
- The text of the stories
- The images in the stories
- The study notes in the stories
- The questions for the stories

Study Notes

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It was now the middle of the night. The soldiers led Jesus to **the house of the high priest** because he wanted to question Jesus. Peter was following far behind them. When the soldiers took Jesus into the house, Peter stayed outside and warmed himself by a fire.

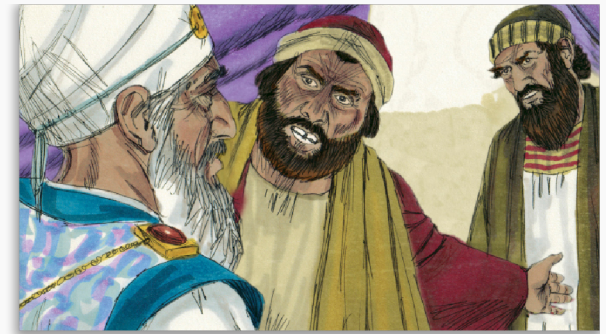
the house of the high priest - The soldiers took Jesus there because the high priest was the one who ordered them to arrest Jesus.



Slide 2

Inside the house, the Jewish leaders put Jesus on trial. They brought many false witnesses who lied about him. However, their statements did not agree with each other, so the Jewish leaders could not prove he was guilty of anything. Jesus did not say anything.

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Slide 3

Finally, the high priest looked directly at Jesus and said, "Tell us, **are you the Messiah, the Son of the living God?**"

are you the Messiah, the Son of the living God? - The religious leaders could not find any reason to condemn Jesus. Therefore, they asked him to tell them if he was the Son of God. They did not believe he was God's Son. If he said that he was indeed the Messiah, they planned to condemn him for falsely stating that he was God.

