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# Humanity on Trial

Mark 14:53-15:15

“Power does not corrupt. Fear corrupts, perhaps the fear of a loss of power.” (*The Short Reign of Pippin IV, 102, John Steinbeck, 1957).*

THREE ALARMING ATTEMPTS TO COVER GUILT… If you are presently attempting to cover up your guilt, REPENT!

“the purpose of a trial is to secure fair and impartial administration of justice between the parties to the action” (legal dictionary)

1**. Manufacturing a false narrative –** How Disbelievers seek to justify their premeditated rejection—*the trial of the Sanhedrin* (14:53-65).

*Eyes cannot see what they refuse to look at; ears will not hear what they refuse to listen to.*

*Those addicted to their own power don’t want Jesus to be true!*

It is simply impossible to cast shade on Jesus as Prophet in the midst of

the fulfillment of the very events he prophesied.

## Are you trying to bury your guilt by burying your head?

2. **Keeping busy and on the move**--Believers attempt to avoid the consequences of their own guilt through busyness and denial—*the crash and trial of Peter* (14:66-72).

Peter lost the battle against temptation before it even began🡪*sins of omission become sins of commission at blinding speed…*

Your failures are already recorded on Christ’s daily agenda and he loves you anyway!-->

one thing to be forgiven of past sin; it’s quite another to be forgiven of sins you’ve already scheduled!

*Are you benefitting from the immensity of grace available on the other side of failure?*

3. **Holding the truth in contempt**--The Powerful get good at covering their own guilt by manipulating truth—*the trial of Pilate* (15:1-15).

 Every man is on trial over one question🡪 Who is Jesus??

## The last value standing that separates a society from optimism and total cynicism is its value of truth

*Are you willing to let the truth lead you to Jesus?*

Jesus is the Christ, Son of the Living God, the Coming Judge of the world

Jesus is the gracious omniscient God who forgives us of the sins we are yet to commit

Jesus is the King and as eternal Lord, truth is held preserved forever.