

Judgement Hall to Judgement Hall

"God's Plan, Man's Plot, and Our Salvation"

SERMON SERIES Theme: Every detail of Jesus' trial and death points to God's sovereign plan to reveal Christ as Savior and offer eternal life.

Look at where we are in our John Series, we are standing today at the doorstep of one of history's darkest yet most powerful moments. Jesus is led from religious condemnation to Roman judgment.

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And at every turn, human plans seem to be in control— Jewish leaders manipulating, Roman authority judging— but John wants us to know something greater: Every step was fulfilling God's divine purpose, so that you may believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and have life in His name (John 20:31).

1 Religious Hypocrisy vs. God's Sovereignty (John 18:28)

- **Jewish leaders avoid ceremonial defilement... while plotting murder**
- **Appearances over heart change**
- **God is orchestrating even their hypocrisy for His plan**

2 Pilate's Question: Earthly Power Meets Divine Purpose (John 18:29-30)

- **Pilate demands charges: Leaders give vague accusations**
- **People still reject Jesus without understanding Him**
- **Jesus' mission unfolds regardless of human authority**

3 Human Limitations, Divine Fulfillment (John 18:31)

- **Jews say: "We cannot legally put anyone to death"**

- Roman law forces crucifixion, not stoning
- Jesus' prophecy (John 12:32) is fulfilled: "Lifted up"

4 God's Signature on the Cross (John 18:32)

- Every trial detail fulfills Jesus' words
- Jesus is not a victim—He's victor!
- Purposeful death → offers YOU life

Why is this recorded? (John 20:31)

"These are written so that you may believe..."

- ✓ **Jesus IS the Christ**
- ✓ **God's plan = Your salvation**
- ✓ **Believe & receive life in His name!**