

Acts 2:22-23, “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;”

# Peter brings out two things

- The death of Jesus on the cross was no accident; it was planned before the foundation of the world.
- Jesus was taken by “lawless hands...”
  - The Greek word rendered “lawless” suggests one who acts outside the bounds of law – an outlaw!
  - A.T. Robertson declared that the term signified: “Men without law, who recognize no law for their conduct, like men in high and low stations today who defy the laws of God and man”

# Philip quoted Isaiah

- “He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;  
And as a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
So He opened not His mouth. In His  
humiliation His justice was taken away,  
And who will declare His generation? For  
His life is taken from the earth.” (Acts  
8:32-33)
- Note: His judgment was taken away - the  
justice due to Him; He had the rights of  
justice and humanity withheld from Him”

# Clearly Seen in His Trials

- Religious Trials
  - Before Annas (Jno. 18:12-14)
  - Before Caiaphas (Matt. 26:57-68)
  - Before The Sanhedrin (Matt. 27:1-2)

# Civil Trials

- Before Pilate (Lk. 23:1-7)
- Before Herod (Lk. 23:6-12)
- Before Pilate again (Matt. 27:15-25)

# Miscarriages of Justice

- His Arrest was Unwarranted
  - No valid indictment upon which to make an arrest
  - He was arrested by an armed mob rather than an organized military guard
- It was at night
  - No trial involving a capital offense was to be tried at night. Conviction must be reached during the daytime.

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- Conducted on a day preceding a Jewish Sabbath
- Witnesses that appeared against Him were unreliable
  - Contradicted one another (Mk. 14:56-59)
  - Lied (Mk. 14:58)
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