

Though Rome gave the Sanhedrin authority to run most of the affairs of state, they could not execute anyone. That is why they took Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea, to ask for Jesus' death.

Pilate sent Jesus to Herod, the governor of Galilee, because he ruled the territory where Jesus lived and did ministry. Herod met with Jesus, then sent him back to Pilate. They both agreed that Jesus had done nothing that merited the death penalty.

Vanishing Acts

(the Garden of Gethsemane)

1. Vanishing Will:

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." — Luke 22:42

2. Vanishing Support:

A. Judas betrays Jesus: *"A crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus asked him, 'Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?'"*
— Luke 22:47-48

B. Ten Flee: *"Everyone deserted him and fled."* — Mark 14:50

C. Peter disowns him: *"[Peter] swore to them, 'I don't know this man' ... Immediately the rooster crowd the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him, 'Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times.'" — Mark 14:71-72*

Whips and Witnesses

(trial before the high priest and Sanhedrin)

1. Whips:

A. *"[Some of the Sanhedrin] spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists ... and the guards took him and beat him."* — Mark 14:65

B. *"[Pilate's soldiers] put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. And they began to call out to him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him."* — Mark 15:17-20

2. Witnesses:

"The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree." — Mark 14:55-56

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