

"THE TRIAL BEFORE ANNAS"

JOHN 18:12-14; 19-27

I. SURVEY OF THE MAN, ANNAS

- A. He Is A Representative Of The Priesthood Of The Old Covenant
 - 1. President Of The Sanhedrin
 - 2. Right To Officiate At Any Time Of Sacrifice
- B. He Is A Confusing Character
 - 1. There Are Three References To Him In The N.T.
 - 2. Each Time He Is Always Presented As One Who Is Ignorant Of The Word Of God
- C. His Character Reflects His Tainted Career
 - 1. He Is Not Even A Descendant Of Aaron
 - 2. He Purchased The High Priesthood Through Flattery
 - 3. He Bore The Title Of High Priest Even Though He Had Been Deposed By Rome Since AD 15

II. CHRIST, THE ULTIMATE HIGH PRIEST & OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NEW COVENANT STOOD QUIETLY, HUMBLY & BOUND BEFORE ANNAS

- A. Questions About The Disciples & The Lord's Doctrine Would Have Taken Many Forms
- B. While The Lord Jesus Will Not Answer Any Question That Might Jeopardize The Safety Of His Own, Peter Is Warming Himself By The Enemy's Fire
- C. There's Not A Witness In The Chamber That Can Say Anything Of Any Convincing Substance Against The Lord
- D. Annas, No Doubt, Had Reached A State Of Reprobation