



### The Trial of Jesus

The soldiers took Jesus to Caiaphas, the high priest. There he had a trial. The priests and rulers agreed that he was guilty of claiming to be God's son. They did not believe that he was. They agreed that he should be put to death.

Under the Roman law, however, the Jewish leaders could not condemn a person to death. So the Jewish rulers took Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor. Pilate could find no reason for putting Jesus to death, but after a long time, he told the Jewish rulers to do what they wanted to do with Jesus.

The soldiers made fun of Jesus. They called him a king, but they didn't believe that he was. They put a crown of thorns on his head and a staff in his hand. They put a scarlet (red) robe on him and spit on him. And they whipped him.

*This story can be found in Matthew 26: 47-67 and Matthew 27:11-26*

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