

▼ **Condemning The King - Part 2**

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▼ **Backstories:**

- “Come and listen . . .”
- “Here’s the story . . .”
- “When I had . . .”
- The backstory makes all the difference! Let’s keep this in mind as we read our passage.

▶ **Read the Passage: Matthew 26:57 – 27:10**

▼ **Understad the process by which Jesus was condemned to death.**

- ▶ Jesus was tried in stages and condemned for claiming to be the Son of Man from Daniel 7:

▼ **Contrast the outcomes experienced by Jesus, Peter, and Judas.**

- ▼ Strengthened by his time in Gethsemane, Jesus resolutely submits himself to arrest, insult, torment, trial, condemnation, and crucifixion.
 - From his experience in the garden, Jesus clearly understands that it is the Father’s will for him to “drink the cup”.
 - During the arrest, Jesus makes it clear that if he asks, the Father will give him more than twelve legions of angels to defend him.
 - How do we reconcile these two truths? It is the Father’s will for Jesus to go to the cross **if, and only if** Jesus is willing to go.
- ▼ Peter, having failed to pray effectively in Gethsemane, fails and denies Jesus 3 times.
 - ▼ Jesus has set an example for us:
 - What should we do in a crisis?
 - How should we prepare for a trial?
 - Judas quite possibly expected his betrayal to force Jesus to seize power as King (Matthew 27:3-4). When he realized that his plan has failed, he kills himself.

▼ **Embrace God’s wisdom and strength displayed in Jesus!**

- ▶ So what?
 - Is this a display of God’s weakness or god’s strength

- Is this a display of God's foolishness or wisdom?
- What do we really believe about what Jesus taught and did?
- Forgiveness is absolutely fundamental to following Jesus! What do we believe about Brandt Jean forgiving Amber Guyger for killing his brother?
- Sharing the Good News is absolutely fundamental to following Jesus! What do we believe about Judge Tammy Kemp giving Amber Guyger her Bible?
- Why do some of us have difficulty with these examples of forgiveness and love? Because we've stopped believing that God is actually doing anything about it. Many of us have been deceived into believing that the only viable solutions have nothing to do with God. We've forgotten how God's Kingdom works!
- God's wisdom is different from human wisdom! - 1Corinthians 1:17 - 2:16

▼ **Where are you on the map?**

- The Pot Roast.
- ▼ If you don't know the big picture, you'll have hard time genuinely following Jesus!
 - ▶ The Big Picture (includes a backstory)
 - ▼ Following Jesus - 7 "F"s
 - ▶ Focus on the Message
 - ▶ Family Up
 - ▶ Flow in the Spirit
 - ▶ Face Your Problems
 - ▶ Farm Your Land
 - ▶ Find Your Purpose
 - ▶ Fulfill Your Mission
 - Embracing what Brandt Jean and Tammy Kemp did is challenging if you don't understand the big picture!
 - ▶ What about Kanye West's Sunday Services? Can knowing the big picture help us evaluate them?

▼ **Discussion Topics:**

- What is the backstory for this passage? What is the back story for Jesus' life?
- Can you explain the backstory to someone else? What specific Bible passages would you use?
- What would it take for you to competently handle the backstory?