

The Religious Trial

The religious trial took place in several places and stages. It started at the personal residence of the high priest **Caiaphas**, moved next door to his father-in-law **Annas**, came back to **Caiaphas'** house and finally moved to the meeting place of **the Great Sanhedrin** in the corner of the Royal Stoa (see **My - The Royal Stoa**) in the Temple Compound.

The reason Yeshua was put on trial by the Jewish leadership was because of His violation of the Oral Law (see **Ei - The Oral Law), never the Torah. In the process of convicting Jesus, the Great Sanhedrin violated every one of their self-imposed rules.**

This Passover was the biggest week of the year for Joseph **Caiaphas**. **He** had an extraordinary number of obligations and administrative tasks to tend to if the celebration of Pesach was to come off smoothly. Rome was always watching **him** closely through the eyes of **Pontius Pilate**, and a riot would not sit well with Caesar Tiberius.

Nothing mattered more than silencing **the troublemaking Rabbi**.¹⁵⁰⁶