1 – **Why Was Jesus Crucified?**
John 19:16-30

2 - **Jesus’ Arrest**

The mob scene. (John 18:3)

Jesus asked, ***“Whom do you seek?”*** They answered, ***“Jesus the Nazarene”***. (18:4)

Jesus responded, ***“I AM”*** which upon hearing, ***“they drew back and fell to the ground.”*** Why? (18:5)

The same questions and answers repeat themselves and Peter cuts off the ear of the high priests slave (18:10) and Jesus rebukes Peter (18:11) and heals the man (Luke 22:51).

Jesus is arrested, bound and led away while His disciples flee. (Matthew 26:56)

3 - **Jesus’ Trials**

**Three Jewish Trials**

1. **Jesus before the Annas** (John 18:12-24)
2. **Jesus before Caiaphas**. (Matthew 27:57)
3. **Jesus before the Sanhedrin**. (Luke 22:66-71)

**Three Roman Trials**

1. **Jesus before Pilate** (Luke 23:1-5; John 18:28-38)
2. **Jesus before Herod Antipas** (Luke 23:6-12)
3. **Jesus again before Pilate** (Luke 23:13-25; John 18:39-19:16)

4 - **Jesus’ Crucifixion**

**We weren’t there!**

**Warning of being guilty of crucifying again the Son of God if we fall away. (Hebrews 6:4-6)**

**Warning of not holding fast**, sinning willfully and **trampling under foot the Son of God** and **regard the blood of Christ as unclean**. (Hebrews 10:23-29)

5 - **Jesus Crucified Because Of Unbelief**

**In spite of the overwhelming evidence**. (John 8:39-46; 10:31-39)

**Because of their hard hearts**. (John 12:37-43)

**We must look to the evidence, build up our faith** and have tender hearts. (Luke 17:5;
2 Peter 3:16-17; Jude 20)

6 - **Jesus Crucified Because Of Ignorance**

* **They were still guilty.** (Acts 3:17-19)
* **They didn’t understand**. (1 Corinthians 2:8)
	+ Why not? (1 Corinthians 2:14-3:2)
* **They failed to apply the scriptures**. (Acts 13:27)
* **Willfully ignorant**. (2 Peter 3:5; Romans 1:28; Acts 17:30)
* **The dangers of ignorance**. (Hosea 4:6; John 12:35; Ephesians 4:17-19

7 - **Jesus Crucified Because Of Envy**

* **It was apparent.** (Matthew 27:18)
* **Filled with jealousy.** (Acts 5:17; Jn. 12:47-50)
* **Carnal reaction to the gospel.** (Acts 13:45)
* **Why we must put “it” away!** (1 Peter 2:1-2; Galatians 5:20-21)

8 - **Jesus Crucified Because Of Selfishness**

* **Selfish ambitions** (Romans 2:8)
* **They didn’t want to lose their “place”.** (John 11:47-48) or **give up the “seat of Moses”.** (Matthew 23:2)
* **Disorder and every evil thing always ensues**. (James 3:14-16)
* **Because of Jesus’ selflessness, which we must emulate**. (Philippians 2:3-7)

9 - **Jesus Crucified Because Of A Lack Of Conviction**

* **Pilate knew He was innocent.** (Luke 23:3-4, 13-24)
* **What about those who hailed Jesus as their King and “the Prophet”.** (Luke 19:37-38;
Matthew 21:9-11)
* How is it that ***“devout men”* would crucify Jesus**? **(Acts 2:5, 22-23, 36)**
* Are we **“secret disciples”** (John 19:38) **who flee when facing persecution?** (Mark 14:50)
* **The need to be “steadfast and immovable”**. (1 Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:14)

10 - **Jesus Was Crucified Because They Didn’t See The Need For Salvation**

* **They didn’t see themselves as lost. Like David, they didn’t see themselves as “the man”**(2 Samuel 12:7).
* **They didn’t associate with the lost.** (Luke 18:9ff; Matthew 9:10-13; Luke 7:44)
* **It’s other people who need to repent.** (Luke 13:1-5)

11 - **Jesus Was Crucified Because He Made Himself To Be God**

* **The Jews understood His claims.** (John 19:7)
* **“*For blasphemy*”** (John 10:33)
* **Jesus called God His Father**. (John 5:18)
* **They missed the signs**! (Acts 2:22)

12 - **Jesus Was Crucified Because It Was God’s Plan**

**Jesus was *“delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God”* (**Acts 2:23).

**His death was not an accident!**

**Jesus laid down His life.** (John 10:17-18)

13 - **Jesus Was Crucified Because Because I/We Sinned**

* **No other suitable sacrifice to satisfy the justice of God** (Romans 3:21-26)
* **The wages of my sin is death**. (Romans 6:23)
* Jesus “***loved me and delivered Himself up for me***” (Galatians 2:20).
* He suffered the shame of the cross to bear “***our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness***.” (1 Peter 2:24)
* Will you be obedient to His will?