



## ***“The Judgment Seat”***

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***Introduction*** –After Jesus’ arrest, He is taken to the Sanhedrin where He stands trial before the Jewish court. Today we will look at Part 2.

### ***I. Jesus is on Trial.***

- A. The Sanhedrin was seeking witnesses to testify against Jesus for threatening to destroy the temple.
  
- B. The Sanhedrin failed to find witnesses, so the High Priest put Jesus on the witness stand and asked Him if He was the Messiah.
  
- C. Jesus answered: “I Am,” and continues to identify Himself as the “Son of Man,” a reference to Daniel chapter 7.
  
- D. With that statement, Jesus is not only claiming to be the Messiah, but YHWH, the Judge of all the earth.
  
- E. The Sanhedrin’s response to Jesus was explosive!

### ***II. Jesus is Condemned to Die.***

- A. Ironically, the Sanhedrin is mocking Jesus for His claim to be able to prophesy, while at the same time confirming it.

- B. Jesus forces us to see the paradox, and the basis for the Gospel.
  
- C. Jesus is the Judge who was judged!
  
- D. There is one other place where God was put on trial and judged. (Exodus 17)

### ***III. Lessons from the Judgment Seat.***

- A. Putting God on trial.
  
- B. Jesus is substituting Himself for us.
  
- C. If you understand and believe the Gospel it will change your life!
  - 1. You will receive the Holy Spirit.
  
  - 2. You will stop judging others.
  
  - 3. You will forgive people who have wronged you.
  
  - 4. You will stop judging yourself.

***Conclusion.***