




**Who  
is  
Jesus  
?**

A scroll of parchment with text. The scroll is unrolled, showing a light brown, textured surface. The text is centered and reads: "Luke 22: verses 63 – 71" in black, bold font. Below that, "The Trial" is written in red, bold font, followed by "(stage 1)" in black, bold font. At the bottom, a summary sentence is written in black font.

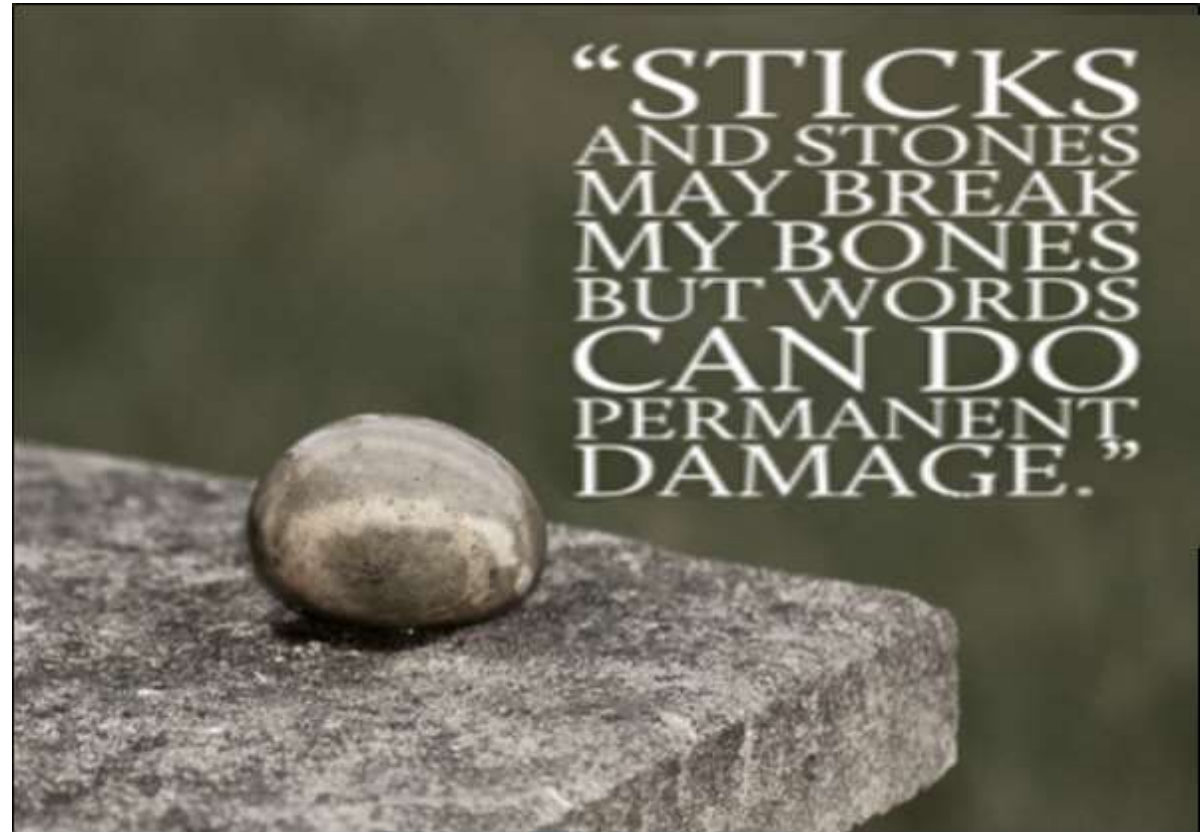
**Luke 22:  
verses  
63 – 71**

**The Trial**  
**(stage 1)**

Luke's summary of  
the arrest and trials of Jesus

The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him.

Psychological & physical abuse



And having blindfolded Him,  
they struck Him on the face and asked Him, saying,  
"Prophecy! Who is the one who struck You?"

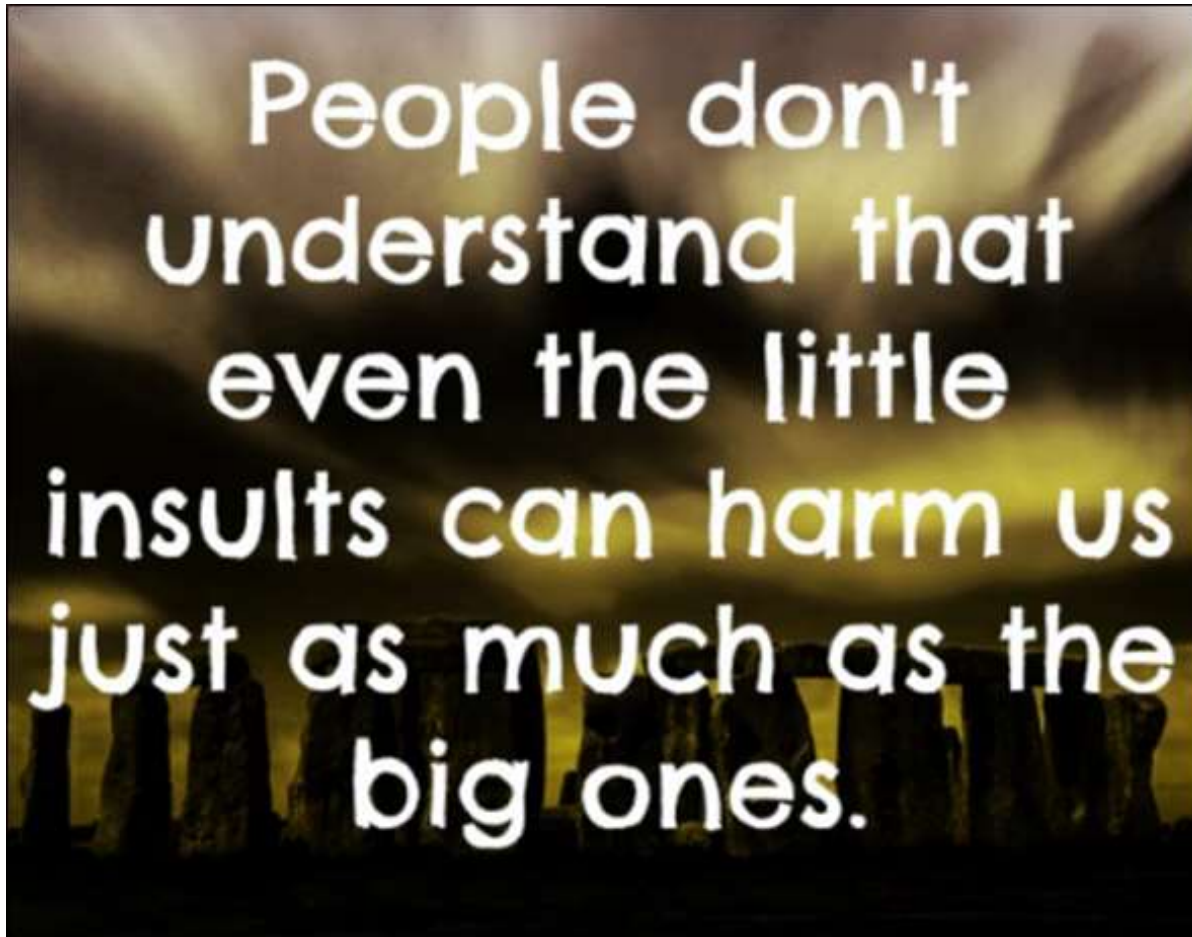
Playing the 'game' of hot fist  
the danger of being in the crowd



Mocking his claim to supernatural powers

And they said many other insulting things to him.

‘Insults’ – the word used is “blasphemies”



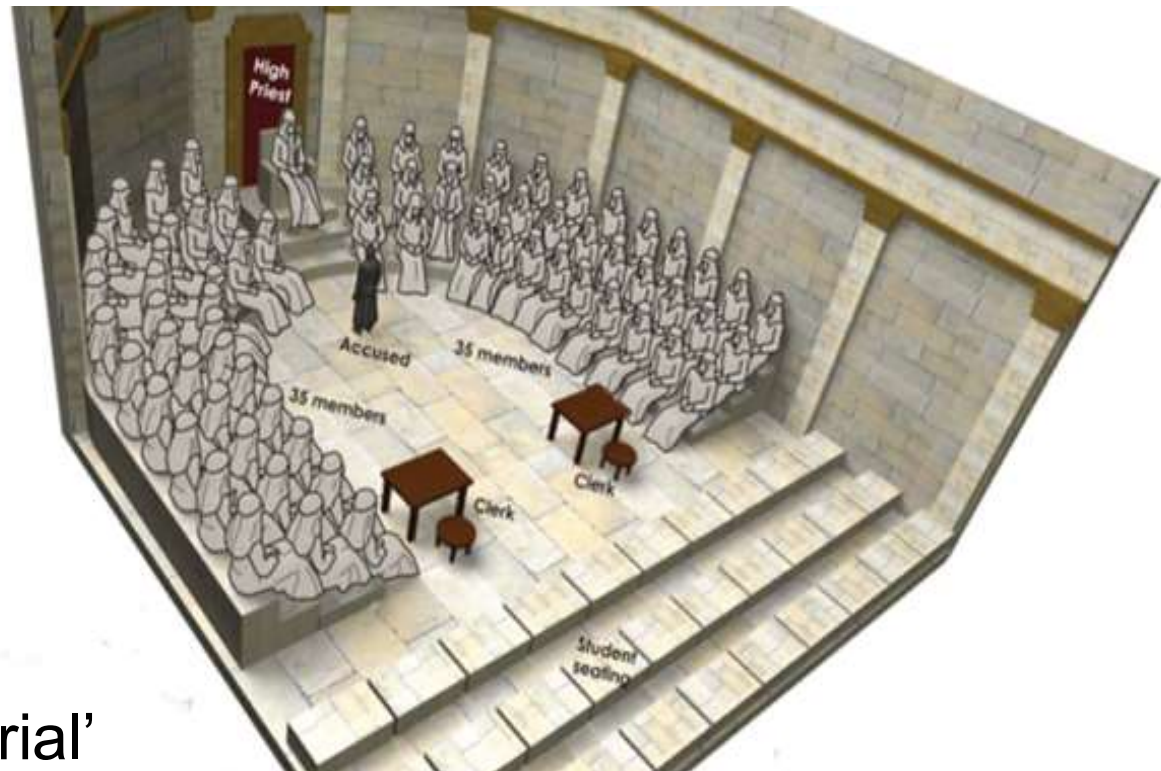
**Jesus is a  
real human  
being**

**How did Jesus  
handle the  
abuse ?**

As soon as it was day, the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, came together and led Him into their council,

## The 'TRIAL' by the Religious Authority (the Supreme Court)

A 'legal' meeting of the Sanhedrin consisting of several groups



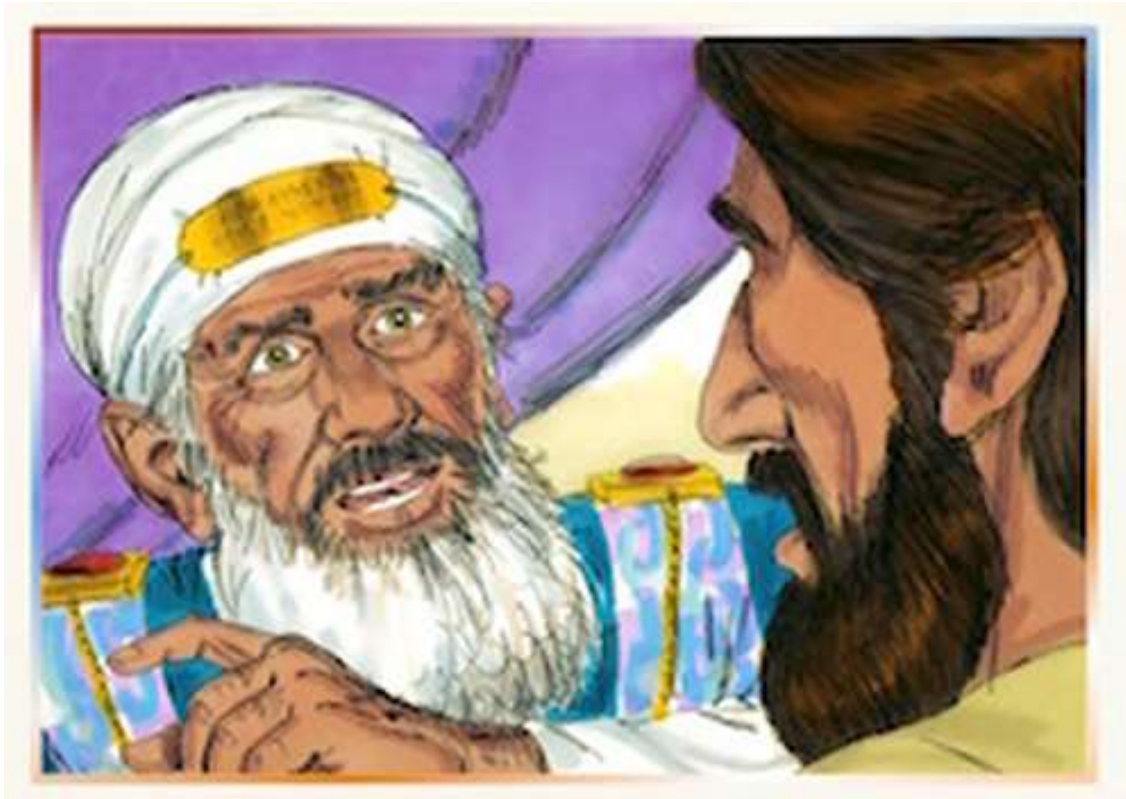
(The political authority 'trial' comes later)

"If you are the Messiah," they said, "tell us."

They had put Jesus under oath-

**They are not interested if it is true or not  
(trick questions)**

They are aiming to bring a civil charge –  
to make it an issue for the Romans



Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not answer."

## Jesus knows what they are up to and questions their integrity

Reminder of previous questions:-

- \*\* the 'John the Baptist' issue
- \*\* David's son in Psalm 110

Answers to both can be found in their Bible BUT unbelief- malice prevents them





But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated  
at the right hand of the mighty God.

A straight answer to their question + implications

**Yes I am the Messiah and that means ....**

**The judge is speaking!**

**This is the start of my exaltation**



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Daniel 7:13-14 In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.

He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

**“Son of Man”** was seen as a Messianic title  
**“right hand”** = a Divine being with authority



Then they all said,  
"Are You **then** the Son of God?"

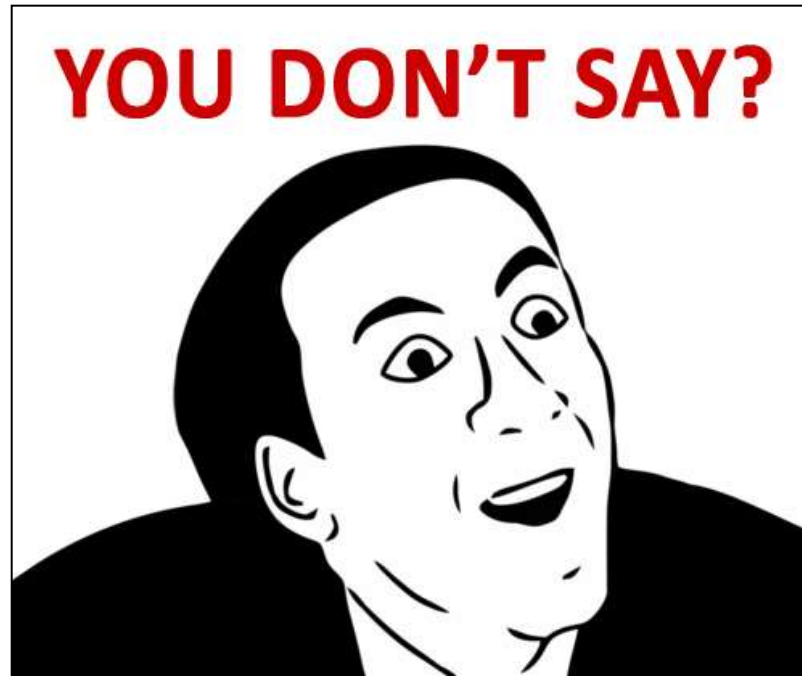
He had said he was the Son of Man but they recognised the divine use of the term and so their question follows



**This is their chance to discredit Jesus  
with the people !**

He replied, "You say that I am."

**Did Jesus say "Yes" or was it**



"You said it" – is a clear unambiguous  
Jewish way of answering - YES

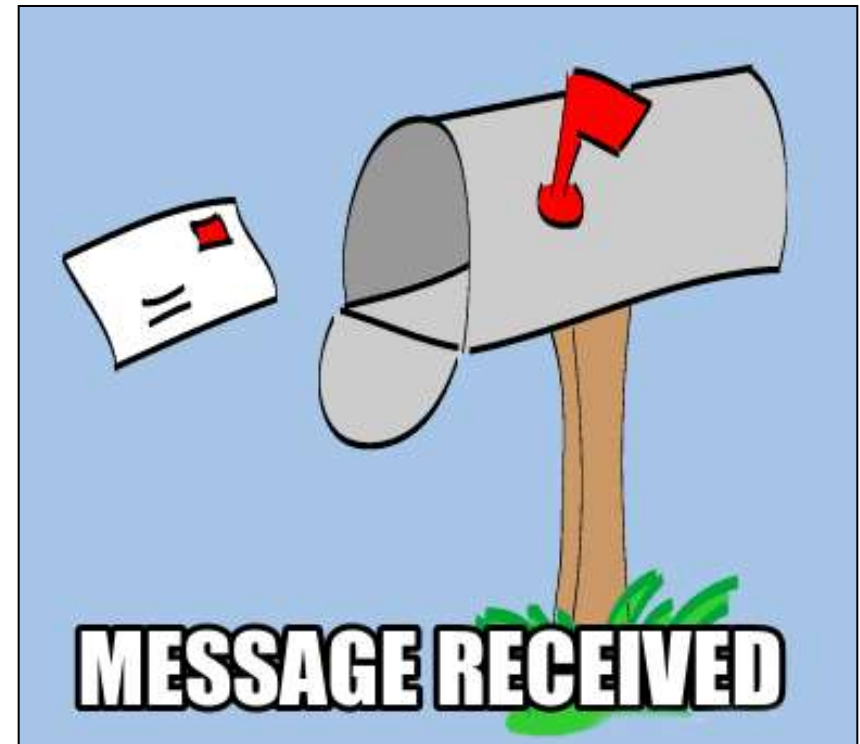
And they said, "What further testimony do we need? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."

**They heard him say "Yes. I am the Son of God"**

They now attempt to claim Jesus is guilty of blasphemy in order to set the public against him.

**AND**

**If he wasn't, he would be !**



Jesus declared to the leaders of Israel that he is both  
their Messiah and God's Son

**NO MORE EXCUSES – They have heard !**

Confirming Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi



The Reason why it matters --- John 20: 30-31

# Here is the core belief of our Christian faith:- who Jesus is:-

## **The Messiah**

God's anointed chosen agent

Kings were anointed – He is the promised King!

The Messiah will deliver God's people – He is the Saviour

The prophets tell of his eternal kingdom – He is Lord

## **The Son of God**

Divine (not created) – He bears the true image of God

The Father's appointed agent of salvation and judgement

( at God's right hand )

Worthy of praise and worship – Bow the knee !

from now on, the Son of Man will be seated  
at the right hand of the mighty God."

This was brought about by their evil actions  
but also by his setting the events in motion



The Climax of the prophets' words and Israel's history –  
the Messiah has come!

And we know – He's coming again!