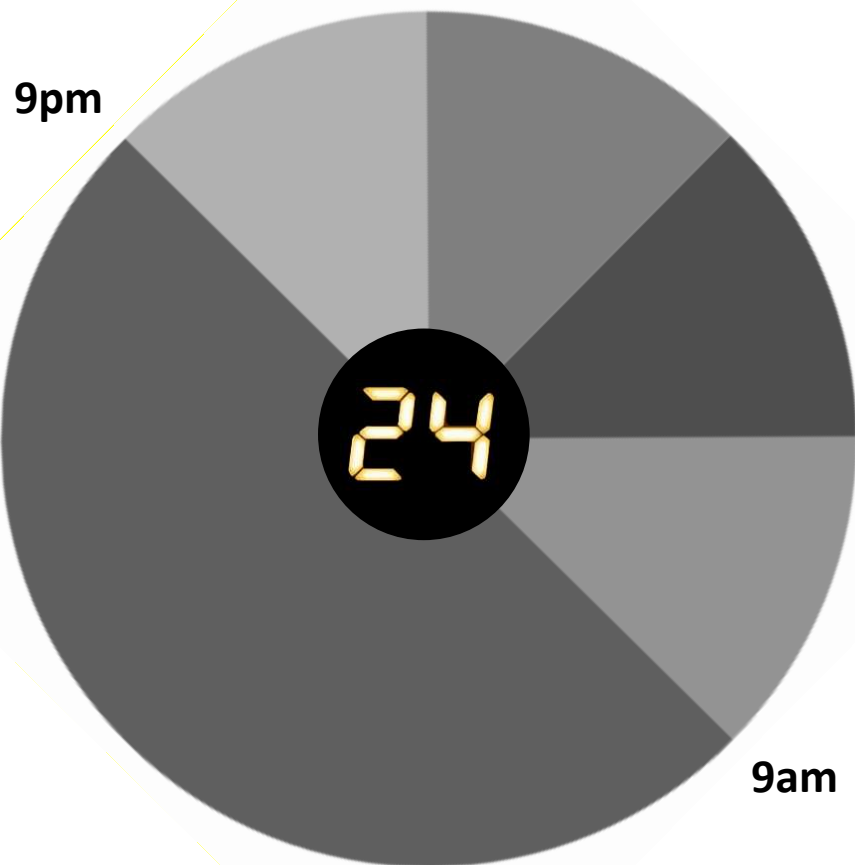






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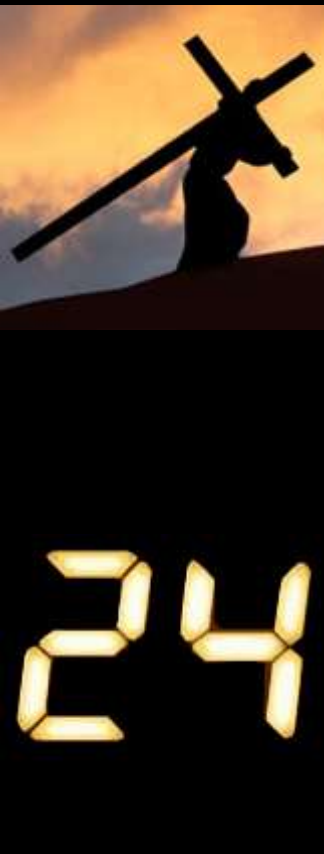


**PASSOVER**

A close-up photograph of a communion meal. In the foreground, a light-colored, speckled ceramic chalice is filled with a dark red liquid, likely wine. Behind it, a woven wooden plate holds several round, flatbread-like items. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light grey.

**This is my body**

**This is my blood**

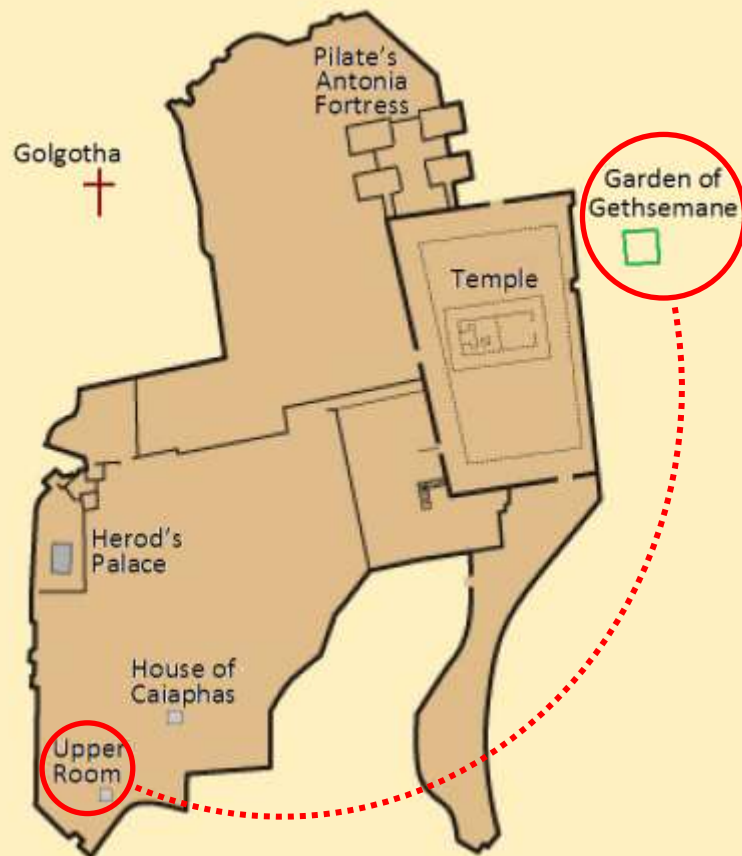






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## JERUSALEM AT THE TIME OF JESUS









A

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Agony

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Christ on the Mount of Olives GOYA  
(1819)



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# Agony Bravery



Agony in the Garden EL GRECO (1590)



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Agony  
Bravery  
Calm Control



The kiss of Judas - Grey Passion  
HANS HOLBEIN (c1498)



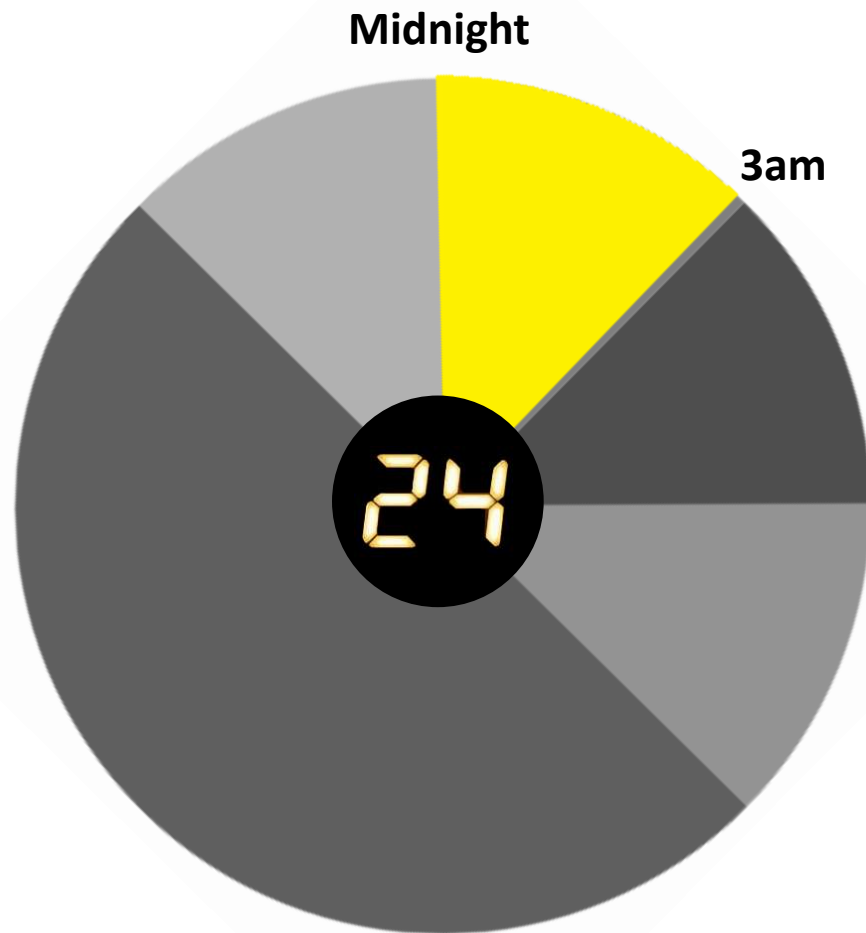
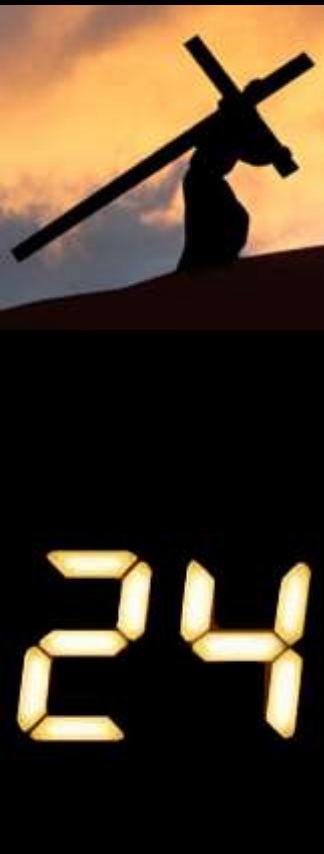


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**A**gony  
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**Betrayal and Arrest of Christ**  
**DUCCIO (1310)**







## Matthew 26:57-68 [Page 943]

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled.



But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.



The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death.



But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward and declared, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’ ”



Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?”



But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”



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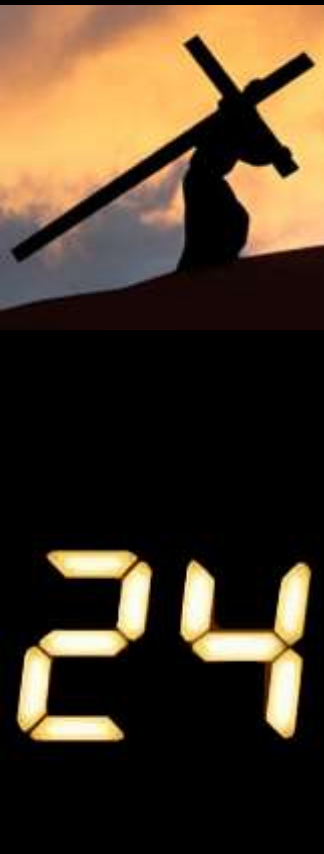


What do you think?”

“He is worthy of death,” they answered.



Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him and said, “Prophecy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?”





Matthew 26:57-68 [Page 943]

*Jesus before the Sanhedrin*

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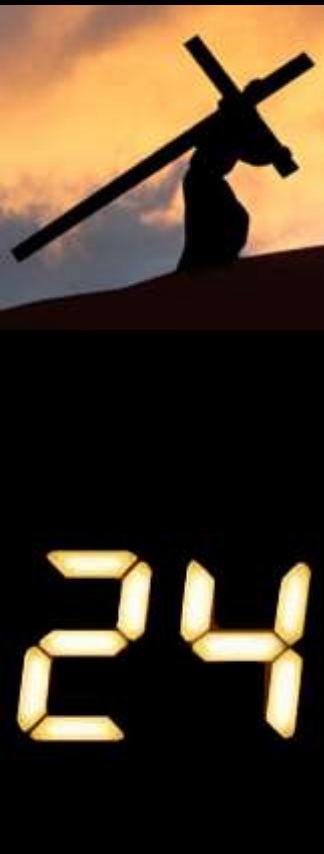




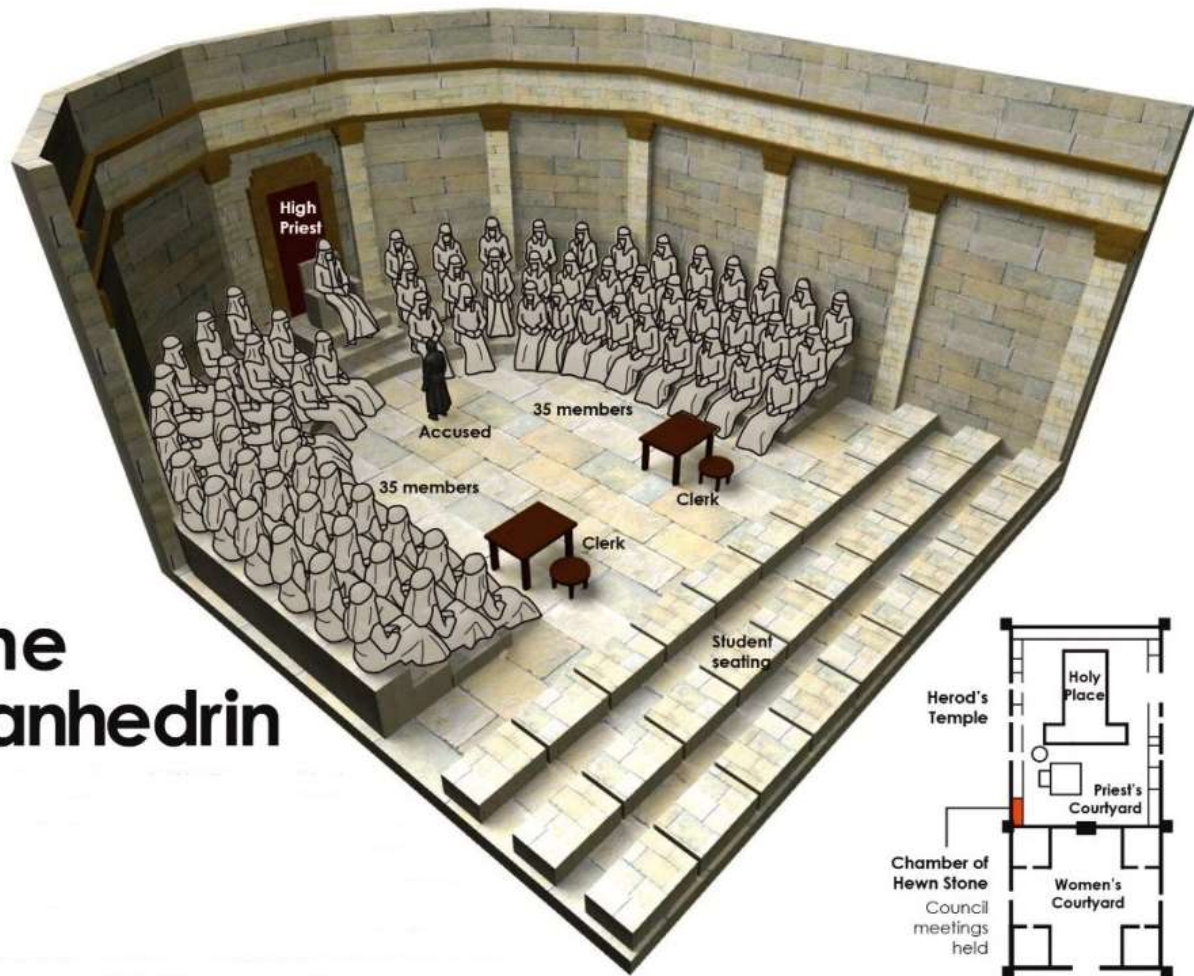


•They met in a → chamber within the Temple which may have looked something like this.





# The Sanhedrin





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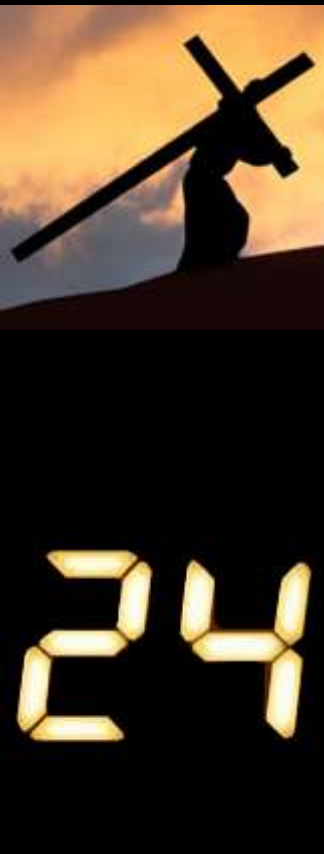
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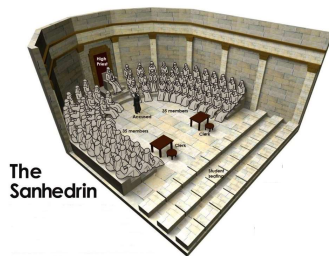






# THE DAILY NEWS

## Travesty of Justice



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## John 11:47 – 53 [Page 1018]

Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin.

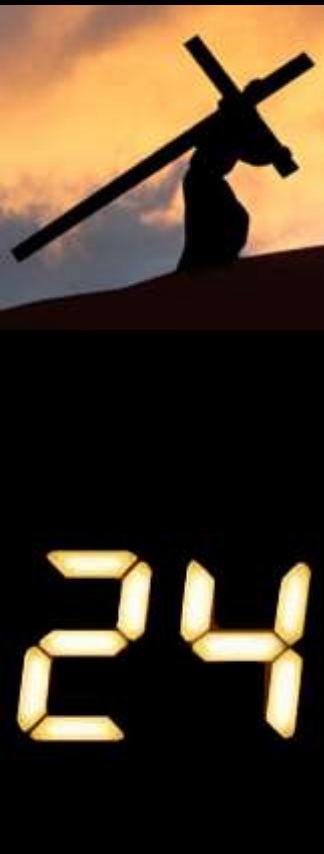


“What are we accomplishing?” they asked.  
“Here is this man performing many signs.





If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation.”



Then one of them,  
named **Caiaphas**, who  
was high priest that  
year, spoke up, “You  
know nothing at all!

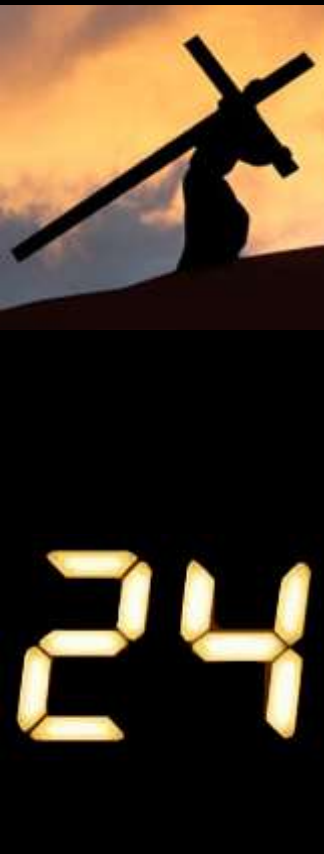




You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.”

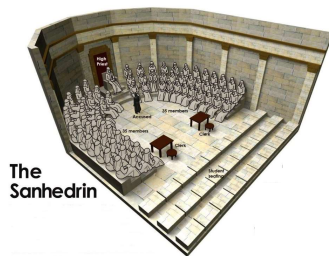


So from that day on they plotted to take his life.



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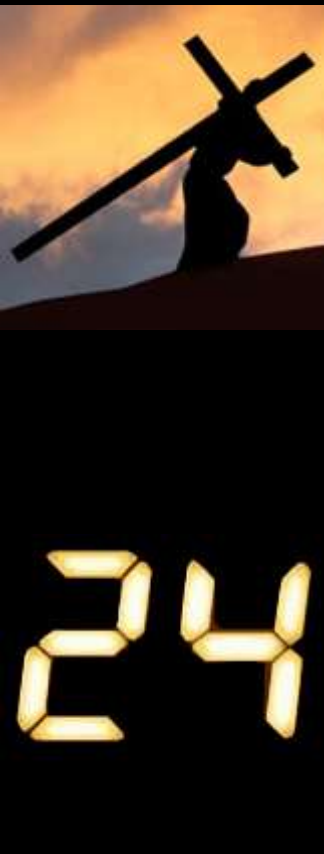
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## Talk to one another ...

Why do you think Jesus “remained silent”?

Is there anything we can learn from Jesus about how we should react when we are treated unjustly?



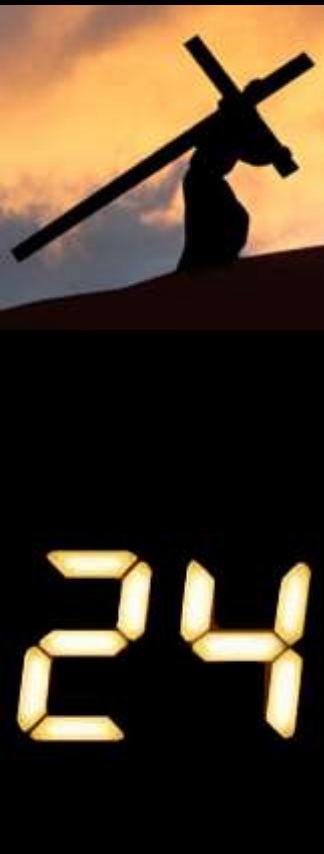


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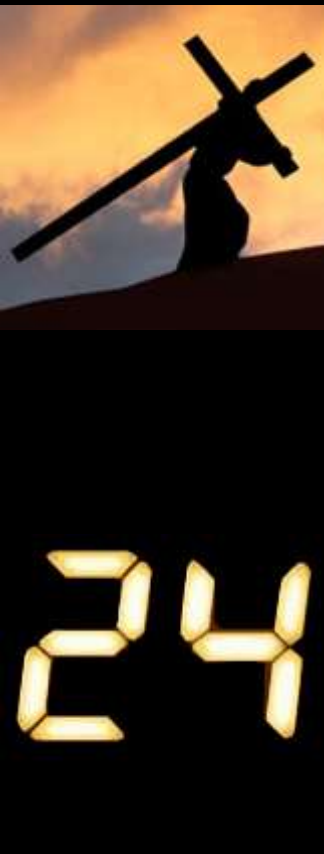
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## Daniel 7:13-14

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.



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C. S. Lewis.





C. S. Lewis.



*I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him:*

A black and white portrait of C.S. Lewis, showing his face from the chest up. He is wearing a dark jacket and has a serious expression. The background is a mottled green.

C. S. Lewis.

*I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but  
I don't accept his claim to be God.*

C. S. Lewis.



*That is the one thing we must not say.*

*C. S. Lewis.*



*A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher.*

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*He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg ...*

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*... or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice.*

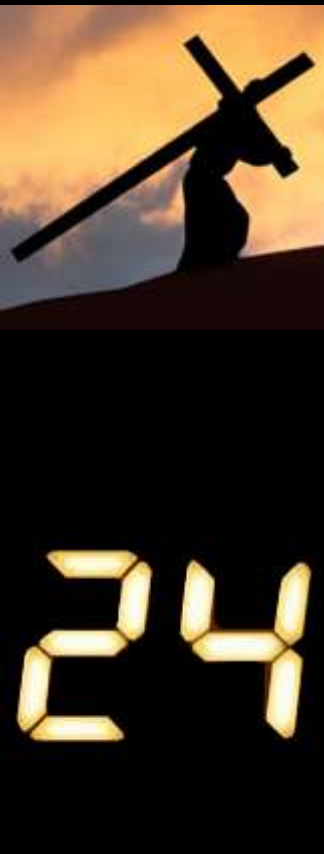


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**Mad**



**St Barnabas**  
transforming lives • changing the world



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**Bad**



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## Mark 14:61-62

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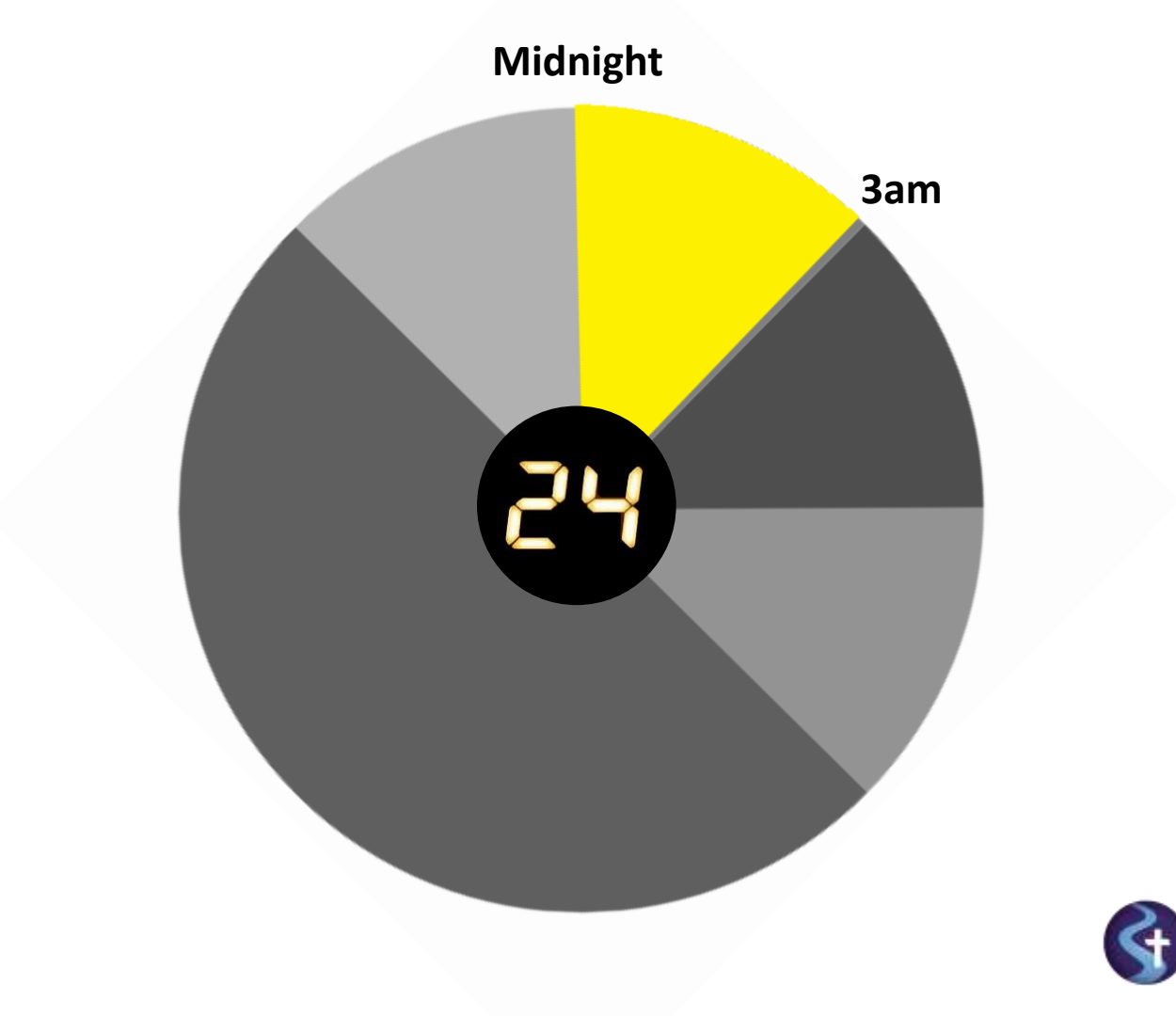


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*Now it seems to me obvious that He was neither a lunatic nor a fiend: and consequently ...*

C. S. Lewis.



*...however strange or terrifying or unlikely it may seem I  
have to accept the view that He was and is God.*



## Mark 14:61-62

The high Priest asked,  
Messiah, the Son of David, is he?”

**Mad, Bad or God?**

