

The Trial

Primary Text: Luke 22:66 – 23:25

1. **Christ's trial was**
 - a. **The ultimate misjudgment (Luke 22:70-71; Luke 23:2; John 19:12; John 18:36; 2 Corinthians 5:21a)**
 - b. **The ultimate test (Matthew 4:6; Matthew 26:53; Luke 4:13)**
2. **And his trial enables us to**
 - a. **Endure all judgment (2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 43:4)**
 - b. **Overcome all tests (1 Corinthians 10:13; John 16:33)**

Closing Benediction From Philippians 2:1-13,

Research/Reference Materials That Didn't

Mark 13:11, "When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit."

Acts 26:6, "And now I stand here on trial on account of my hope in the promise made by God to our ancestors,"

James 1:2, "My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy,"

Trial is the same word as temptation – Jesus' temptation in Luke 4:13

Temptation/Trial is what causes one of the seeds in the parable of the sower to fall away, Luke 8:13

1 Corinthians 10:13, "No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it."

"The first historical references to crucifixion was when it was used to execute those involved in the uprising of Spartacus in 72 BC. After this revolt by the slave class in Italy, there were so many crucified along the road from Naples to Rome that it was reported to be very little room left for the crosses. Some 6,000 men died there." – Jesus And His World, John J. Rousseau (p 74)

Online Rumors

Ryan Patrick Halligan was bullied for months online. Classmates sent the 13-year-old Essex Junction, Vt., boy instant messages calling him gay. He was threatened, taunted and insulted incessantly by so-called cyberbullies.

Finally, in 2003, Ryan killed himself. His father says he couldn't take it anymore. "He just went into a deep spiral in 8th grade. He couldn't shake this rumor," John Halligan said.

My wife and I thought we knew the risks of Internet use and thought we had done all that we could to protect our 13-year-old son, Ryan Halligan. But we were unaware that the difficulties of Ryan's middle school life had extended into the summer, then into the evenings when school started up again.

Two years ago, Ryan sat in the comfort of our Vermont home being humiliated online by peers from his school. Ryan discovered websites that promoted suicide as a solution for the pain he was feeling and met up with a peer online who encouraged his suicidal ideation. Ryan took his own life on Oct. 7, 2003.

Megan Meier is the most known victim of an online personal attack. This 13 year old Missouri girl was left in a state of desperation after two adults tricked her into thinking an attractive male peer had turned against her with very hurtful and public language online.

It's not just children that have this problem, recently Paul Tilley, a successful Ad executive who started national campaigns for McDonalds and Dell was in part driven to end his own life by an online national smear campaign against him and his work.

Being judged to be gay, or unattractive, or a failure – hurts.

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