

*A Sermon for St. Luke's Church, Concord — Good Friday 2020*  
*Jesus' Arrest & Trial — John 18:12–19:42*

**Christ sacrificed ...**

***... to save the Jewish authorities from Rome***

Caiaphas's words: "one should die for the people"

see John 11:48: Caiaphas had said that "If we let Him go on like this, everyone will believe in Him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."

***... to save Pilate from Caesar***

"you are no friend of Caesar"

***... as the one true sacrifice for sin***

Isaiah 53

John Baptist: "Behold, the Lamb of God ... "

The Passover (*parallels*)

Jesus was sacrificed during the feast days of the Passover

Jesus suffered no broken bones

Jesus was "without spot or blemish"

— *no charges were brought against Jesus*

— *Jesus was declared innocent three times at his trial*

[https://youtu.be/cGz9BVJ\\_k6s](https://youtu.be/cGz9BVJ_k6s)

... , *Amen.*