

ILLEGALITIES IN THE TRIALS OF JESUS

The following list of injustices, as prepared by the lawyer F.W. Van Valin, may guide you in citing why the sentencing of Jesus to death was in every respect illegal.

1. Any trial held at night was illegal.
2. No trial involving a capital charge could be held on the day before the Sabbath.
3. The use of false witnesses was itself punishable by death.
4. The death penalty was invalid if it was imposed by 100 per cent vote. The theory was that such a vote indicated mob rule.
5. Trial and crucifixion was illegal on a feast day (See Matthew 26:17).
6. No man could be condemned by his own testimony (See Matthew 26:61 and Luke 22:70-71).
7. Only the Roman governor could command a crucifixion; yet, Jesus was not found guilty by Pilate who called him a “just person” (Matthew 27:24).
8. It was unlawful to execute a condemned man on the same day as his trial.