

Oppressed and Afflicted: Litigating the Son of God
~Mark 14:53–65~

Isaiah 53:7-8

Three ways Jesus willingly suffered unfair litigation:

1. It was an unfair prosecution (14:53–54).

Matthew 26:57
John 18:15–16

James Edwards comments:

“How awkward Peter looks in the courtyard of the high priest, trying to mingle with the henchmen who probably arrested Jesus and who will presently mock and beat him. Peter has forsaken a discipleship of costly following (8:34) for one of safe observation.”¹

2. There were multiple false testimonies (14:55–59).

John 2:18-22
Numbers 35:30
Deuteronomy 17:6; 19:15

3. The result was an unjust sentence (14:60–65).

Daniel 7:13
Psalm 110:1
2 Samuel 1:11
2 Kings 18:37
Isaiah 50:6
Mark 10:32-34

1. The love of Jesus is spectacular. He willingly endured this torture out of love for His sheep. Isaiah 52:14; 53:5
2. The example of Jesus is compelling. 1 Peter 2:21-25; Hebrews 12:1-3

¹ James R. Edwards, [The Gospel according to Mark](#), The Pillar New Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI; Leicester, England: Eerdmans; Apollos, 2002), 441–442.