

## Good Friday: What Further Witnesses Do We Need?

### DEUTERONOMY 16:18-20

<sup>18</sup>“You shall appoint judges and officers in all your towns that the LORD your God is giving you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment.

<sup>19</sup>You shall not pervert justice. You shall not show partiality, and you shall not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of the righteous. <sup>20</sup>*Justice, and only justice, you shall follow*, that you may live and inherit the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

### DEUTERONOMY 19:16-19

<sup>16</sup>If a malicious witness arises to accuse a person of wrongdoing, <sup>17</sup>then both parties to the dispute shall appear before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who are in office in those days. <sup>18</sup>The judges shall inquire diligently, and if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely, <sup>19</sup>then you shall do to him as he had meant to do to his brother. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

### EXODUS 20:16

<sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

### MATTHEW 5:27 (See also v38, 43)

<sup>27</sup>“*You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’*”

### JOHN 18:19-24

<sup>19</sup>The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. <sup>20</sup>Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup>Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?”

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” <sup>24</sup>Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

### MATTHEW 26:57-66

<sup>57</sup>Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup>And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. <sup>59</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup>but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup>and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’ ” <sup>62</sup>And the high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” <sup>63</sup>But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” <sup>64</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” <sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.”

### JOHN 2:18-22

<sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking

about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**ISAIAH 53:7**

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

**MATTHEW 26:69**

<sup>69</sup>Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."