

Mark 15:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate.

Analysis

And straightway in the morning (Καὶ εὐθὺς πρωΐ, Kai euthys prōi)—Mark's characteristic εὐθὺς (euthys, 'immediately') emphasizes urgency. The word πρωΐ (prōi) indicates early morning, the fourth watch (3-6 AM). **The chief priests held a consultation** (συμβούλιον ποιήσαντες, symboulion poiēsantes)—they formed a συμβούλιον (symboulion), a council or plot. This was likely a formal morning session to ratify the illegal night verdict, providing legal veneer.

And bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate (δήσαντες τὸν Ἰησοῦν ἀπήνεγκαν καὶ παρέδωκαν Πιλάτῳ, dēsantes ton Iēsoun apēnenkan kai paredōkan Pilatō)—Three verbs trace Jesus's transfer: δέω (deō, bound), ἀποφέρω (apopherō, carried away), and παραδίδωμι (paradidōmi, delivered/betrayed). The last verb echoes Judas's betrayal (14:10)—now the Sanhedrin betrays Jesus to Rome. They needed Roman authority for execution (John 18:31).

Historical Context

The Sanhedrin lacked ius gladii (right of the sword)—Rome reserved capital punishment authority. Pilate, prefect of Judea (AD 26-36), resided in Caesarea but came to Jerusalem for major festivals to suppress potential unrest. He stayed at

Herod's palace or the Antonia Fortress. The 'binding' fulfilled Isaiah 53:7 and demonstrated Jesus as a criminal defendant. Dawn consultations provided legal cover for the night trial's irregularities.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. Why did the Sanhedrin need a morning consultation after the night trial's verdict?
2. How does the verb 'delivered' (paradidōmi) connect Judas's betrayal to the Sanhedrin's actions?
3. What does the binding of Jesus symbolize theologically about His willing submission to the Father's plan?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	εὐθὺς	ἐπὶ	τὸ	πρωῖ	συμβούλιον	ποιήσαντες
And	straightway	in	G3588	the morning	a consultation	held
G2532	G2112	G1909		G4404	G4824	G4160
οἱ	ἀρχιερεῖς	μετὰ	τῶν	πρεσβυτέρων	καὶ	γραμματέων
G3588	the chief priests	with	G3588	the elders	And	scribes
	G749	G3326		G4245	G2532	G1122
καὶ	ὅλον	τὸ	συνέδριον	δήσαντες	τὸν	Ἰησοῦν
And	the whole	G3588	council	and bound	G3588	Jesus
G2532	G3650		G4892	G1210		G2424
ἀπήνεγκαν	καὶ	παρέδωκαν	τῷ	Πιλάτῳ		
and carried him away	And	delivered	G3588	him to Pilate		
G667	G2532	G3860		G4091		

Additional Cross-References

Acts 3:13 (References Jesus): The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

Luke 22:66 (Parallel theme): And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people and the chief priests and the scribes came together, and led him into their council, saying,

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