

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 εὐθύς (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 εὐθὲως ἐπὶ τὸ πρωῒ συμβούλιον ποιήσαντες
And straightway in the morning a consultation held
G2532 G2112 G1909 G3588 G4404 G4824 G4160

οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς μετὰ τῶν πρεσβυτέρων καὶ γραμματέων
the chief priests with the elders And scribes
G3588 G749 G3326 G3588 G4245 G2532 G1122

καὶ ὅλον τὸ συνέδριον δήσαντες τὸν Ἰησοῦν
And the whole council and bound Jesus
G2532 G3650 G3588 G4892 G1210 G3588 G2424

ἀπήνεγκαν καὶ παρέδωκαν τῷ Πιλάτῳ
and carried him away And delivered him to Pilate
G667 G2532 G3860 G3588 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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