



NOTHING

FAIR ABOUT IT

DEUTERONOMY

19:15-21

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- There were procedures in the Law that were not followed during Jesus' trial, conviction, and eventual execution.
- Compare Deuteronomy 19:15-21 to the gospel accounts:
 - Matthew 26:57ff - The chief priests went in to the trial having made up their minds. All they needed was for two of the false witnesses to agree (see Mark 14:55-59)! It shouldn't have been hard (John 18:20-21).
 - Luke 22:63-65 - Ill treatment, contrary to the fairness required by the Law.
 - John 18:28-31 - Presumption of guilt. They claimed they weren't allowed to put Him to death, which is ironic - because He was innocent!



FAIRNESS

HAD NOTHING
TO DO WITH IT

ONE DYING FOR MANY

- John 18:12-14 - Notice a detail from John's account. Caiaphas had suggested to the Council in John 11:45-53 that it would be politically expedient for Jesus to die. He did not realize the significance of his statement.
- In fact, more good was done, spiritually speaking, by crucifying Jesus than any other event in history. The most "unfair" of all punishments provided access to the most gracious benefit to all of mankind.
- Romans 5:6ff - The helpless, hopeless many were given opportunity by the one.

TITUS

2:11-14

BUT WHY?

- Salvation has nothing to do with fairness. Really, we wouldn't want God to treat us fairly (Psalm 103:6ff).
- Is everything "fair" about your relationship to a spouse (Eph. 5:25ff)? Your children? Your neighbor (Phil. 2:3)? Love is not fair - it is the expression of an unselfish outpouring of one's self to the benefit of another (1 John 4:7ff).
- God looked upon His creation with such compassion that He did the least fair thing a Creator could do - He sent His Son in the form of a man to die, the just for the unjust (1 Pet. 3:18, John 3:16, 2 Cor. 8:9).