

ONE ACCEPTABLE PLEA BARGAIN

Introduction:

A. Court systems

1. So full of criminal and civil cases that cannot deal with every case with s_____
2. Prosecutors reduce the plugged system through p_____ bargains.

B. God's judgment

1. Everyone has s_____ (Rom 3:23)
2. Everyone deserves its penalty (Rom 6:23a) – eternal d_____
3. The court hearing is yet future – (Heb 9:27)

C. God's mercy

1. God decided to become a h_____ in the person of Jesus of Nazareth who would give grace and truth (Jn 1:1,14,17).
2. Jesus is God's Son to save the w_____ (Jn 3:16,17)
3. In God's court, there will be only one acceptable plea bargain

There will be no plea bargain of i_____

A. The story of the birth of Jesus (Lk 2:1-7)

1. Joseph and the very pregnant Mary were forced to go to Bethlehem to register for the t_____ census.
2. There was no r_____ for them in the inn.
3. Jesus was born in a m_____ (a feeding trough)

B. What did Mary and Joseph know about Jesus?

1. He was the C_____ who would reign forever (Lk 1:30-33)
2. He would save His people from their s_____ (Matt 1:21)

C. What do people know?

1. Rom 10:1,2 – the Jews had a zeal for God but not according to k_____ and so Paul prayed for their salvation.
2. Rom 1:19,20 – God has made Himself known as the Creator to every person (*within them*) and renders everyone without e_____
3. It is the Christian duty to share the truth that Jesus was born to bring salvation, without which no one can be saved.

There will be no plea bargain of m_____

A. Jesus came to His own, yet they did not r_____ Him (Jn 1;11)

1. His own refers to the J_____ people (Jesus was born of Mary, a Jew).

2. Most Jews did not welcome Jesus as the prophesied Messiah because He did not fit their c_____ about the Christ.
 - a. They focused on Ps 2:8,9 – a king that would rule the nations with a r_____ of iron.
 - b. They focused on Is 9:6,7 – one who would put an end to all worldly empires and set up His everlasting k_____.
 - c. They rejected Jesus as the Messiah and stated to Pilate, *We have no k_____ except Caesar* (Jn 19:15).
3. The word Messiah (means a_____ one) as referring to the final king of Israel, only appears twice (Dan 9:25,26)
 - a. Dan 9:26 states the Messiah would be c_____ off and have nothing.
 - b. Dan 9:24 declares God's mission through the Messiah – *to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make atonement for iniquity, to seal up (i.e. fulfill) vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy One.*
4. God preserved scripture for us so that we can understand.
 - a. Those who misunderstand will not be excused (Matt 7:22,23) – what is life about?
 - b. Mary did not fully understand, but she did not draw conclusions but instead t_____ in her heart what God had revealed (Lk 2:19)
 - c. The Christian life is not about us, it is all about Christ.

There will be only one acceptable plea bargain

- A. Jesus declared this bargain at the Last Supper (Matt 26:28)
 1. His b_____ would put into effect the covenant (the New Covenant)
 2. The new covenant is for the f_____ of sins.
 3. We must make this covenant p_____
 - a. Jesus is not just the Savior, He is m_____ Savior
 - b. Jesus did not just pay for sin; He paid for m_____ sin.
 - c. Jesus is not just worthy of trust; He is worthy of m_____ trust
- B. What is your life all about?