

Brief Synopsis
The Jesus Trial

The Jesus Trial is the story of the arrest of Jesus of Nazareth and his subsequent trial in the Roman Court of Pontius Pilate. Jesus is given the benefits of a modern democratic trial in which Joseph of Arimathea is his defense counsel and the Jewish High Priest Caiaphas is the lead prosecutor. Joseph was born and raised a Jew but has come to be more secular in his views. But he is troubled when he sees the young holy man beaten and dragged through the streets. The missionary man is poor and has no money to hire an attorney and refuses to defend himself. Joseph's heart is touched and he offers his services pro bono.

During the depositions, Joseph begins to wonder what in the world he has gotten himself into. Jesus' mother, Mary, tells him that Jesus was the immaculate conception and that he was conceived of God. He deposes the disciples who tell him of miracles performed by Jesus. Mary Magdalene had been a woman of the night until Jesus chased out her demons. Lazarus tells Joseph he was raised from the dead! What will the jury think of all this crazy talk?! Joseph struggles with how he will be able to provide the best defense of his client.

But as Joseph spends more time with Jesus, something begins to change within him. Jesus tells him that he has only one option for His defense – him must tell the Truth. At first, Joseph is befuddled by Jesus' words but in the end, he understands what the Truth is and that he must present it in court. Of course, Joseph loses the case but it is with the realization that all along there was only one outcome to the trial and that it was predestined. At the trial's end, Joseph has become a true believer. He prays that the world will not forget Jesus of Nazareth.