

Who Is on Trial Here?

John 10:31-36

Sunday, October 16, 2022

Introduction:

The Pharisees' litigation backfired in four stages:

- I. **The Pharisees' hurried prosecution (31).**

- II. **Jesus' arresting cross-examination (32).**

- III. **The Pharisees' revealing accusation (33).**

- IV. **Jesus' stunning reversal (34-36).**

Psalm 82

"A Song of Asaph"

I. A hopeful prediction (1)

"God, taking a stand in His own assembly, will judge in their midst."

II. A searing indictment (2)

"How long will you judge unjustly and show favoritism to the wicked? Selah."

III. A pointed corrective (3-4)

"Judge on behalf of the weak and fatherless; Do justice for the afflicted and destitute. Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked."

IV. A comprehensive assessment (5)

"They know not and they understand not; They walk in darkness; All the foundations of the land are shaken."

V. A Divine taunt (6-7)

"I said, 'You are gods, and all of you are sons of the Most High. Nevertheless you will die like men and fall like one of the princes.'"

VI. A hopeful invocation (8)

"Arise, O God, judge the land! For You will possess all the nations."