

Malchus Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Is it reasonable that the Chief Priests would have great influence on the people?

Do we sometimes form opinions based on the opinions of powerful people?

Do we sometimes act in certain ways because of the need to be loyal to people important to us?

Might we even do things against our own conscience because “everybody is doing it”?

What does it take to motivate us to reconsider a strongly held position?

Even if the suggestion of a “whisper” sounding like “my witness” is just a fabrication, is it likely that Malchus would talk about this experience in the future?

If he did become a believer what would be powerful about his testimony?

Is it likely that onlookers would have noted that the trial of Jesus was illegally started before dawn?

How would the statement, “We have no king but Caesar,” have struck the average Jew?

Even the disciples were confused between the crucifixion and the resurrection. Could God have had a purpose in allowing that?

Were there likely to be people who became believers after the resurrection but before Pentecost?

The next big event on the prophetic calendar seems to be the Rapture. Might that cause people to realize that they were “wrong about Jesus”?