

Jesus: Judge, Prosecutor, Defense Attorney, and Defendant

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Judge:



Lance Ito

Prosecutors:



Marcia Clark



Chris Darden

Defense Attorneys:



Johnnie Cochran



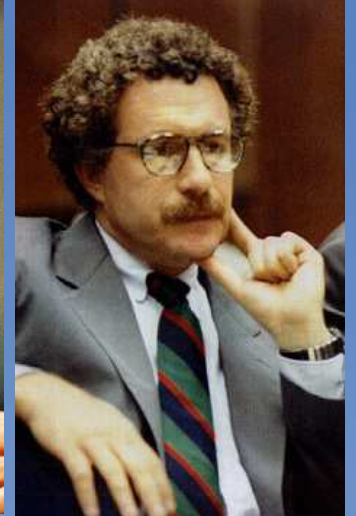
Robert Kardashian



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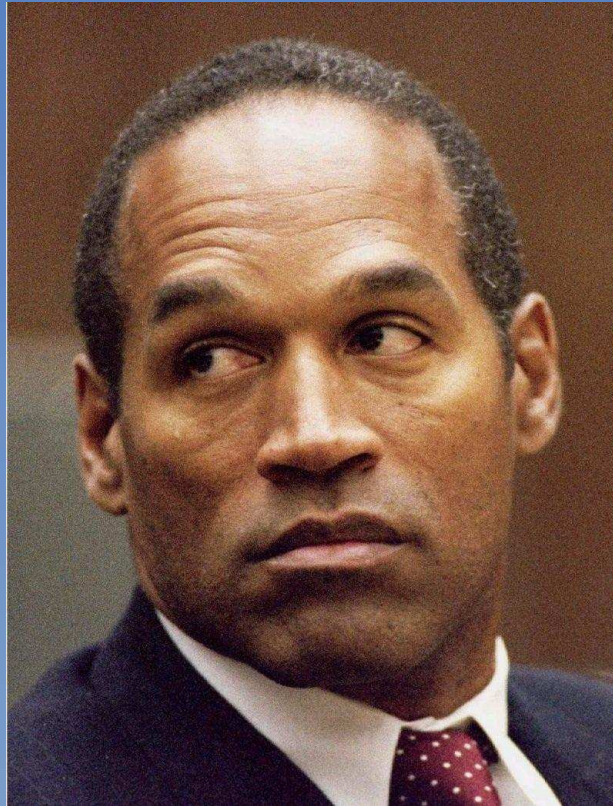


Robert Shapiro



Alan Dershowitz

Defendant:



O.J. Simpson

Jesus is - Judge - Prosecutor - Defense - Defendant

Jesus is our judge.

As judge:

The judge embodies the law and is bound to act in accordance with the law.

John 5:22

The Father judges no one, but **has given all judgment to the Son**

Matthew 25:31-33

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.

Jesus is our judge.

As judge:

The judge embodies the law and is bound to act in accordance with the law.

The law is clear, the consequence of man's sin is death. Eternal Death.

Jesus is our prosecutor.

As prosecutor:

The prosecutor must present the facts (evidence) and is bound to act in accordance with the law.

Matthew 5:21-22; 27-28

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Jesus is our prosecutor.

As prosecutor:

The prosecutor must present the facts (evidence) and is bound to act in accordance with the law.

The facts are that man has sinned.

Jesus is our defense attorney.

As defense counsel:

The defense must also present the facts (evidence) and is also bound to act in accordance with the law.

Hebrews 9:24

For **Christ has entered**, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now **to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.**

1 John 2:1

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, **we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.**

Jesus is our defense attorney.

As defense counsel:

The defense must also present the facts (evidence) and is also bound to act in accordance with the law.

Unfortunately for the defense counsel, the facts are the same. All humans have sinned.

These three roles don't truly present a tension.
The facts are indisputable. We are guilty.
All of us. God as the righteous judge,
prosecutor, and defense **MUST** sentence
us to eternal death.

We have an unsolvable problem.
Unless, God, Himself solves it for us.

Jesus became the defendant.

Jesus takes our place.

As defendant:

Now here is the tension. How does a sinless holy defendant actually take on our sin? The incredible part of this “trial” has to be how a holy and just God could lay the sins of the world onto His holy and sinless Son and how His holy and sinless Son could assimilate the sins.

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- Jesus must take on our sin.
- **We must receive Jesus' righteousness.**

II Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

I Peter 2:22-24

²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Romans 3:21-26

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Romans 3:21-26

²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that **he might be just and the justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus.

The Righteous, Holy Judge, Prosecutor, and
Defense Attorney became the guilty defendant.
For us.

This is the greatest of inevitable tensions.
This is the foundation of the gospel.
This is our only hope.