

# Injustice Strikes Maycomb

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*Oh, the last month; rough and filled with plenty of injustice to people of color in our town of Maycomb. The Lord is always on our side, but we have to play our part in the equation. We have lost a kind-hearted, outgoing, respectful, and all over nice young man to the harsh wrath from the town of Maycomb. All white jury's are very unfair. An innocent man died this week. Tom Robinson had been shot and killed.*

*Tom was accused of raping and beating Mr. Ewell's daughter. Atticus Finch was representing him as his lawyer. He was doing a stellar job the whole case. It was so good that the jury took A boat load of time to discuss their findings. You know what? We can't hate on Atticus, he helped a brother out. Due to the fact that Brother Tom was of color, he was found guilty. I had a feeling that this would be the outcome of the trial. After the jury read Brother Tom's verdict, Judge Taylor got up and stomped out of the court room in anger and aggravation. I'm sure Judge Taylor felt the same as I.*

The main reason I took this job for writing this editorial is to inform the people of Maycomb of how the jury selection was not right. If you are putting an african american on trial in front of an all white jury, the outcome would be already known. I don't like that. In our point in time, when you put a black man on trial with white a white jury; its an automatic loss. Just because of color of our skin or how our hair or how big are lips are doesn't mean we must be treated like dirt. I think we should have an equal chance as everyone else. There are free white men that have done some horrible things and they aren't close to be on the level as punishment that Tom Robinson had to endure and he did nothing. I'm sure if this kind of situation happened to the white community, they would furious too. This isn't the first time this happened either. We have been treated like this for as long as I can remember; and I have been around for quite some time. For example, 2 years ago an african american kid was put in jail as a minor for 1 year for being on a white man's land on accident because he got lost in the woods on his way home alone from in-town.

Everybody does things wrong in life, but Tom did nothing to get the punishment that he got. Death, oh death; a horrible subject. Yet we are united to our Lord. Of course Tom has done something bad in his life, but nothing serious. He was in jail for 3 months for standing up for his wife in a food market.

Please pray for the people affected by the death of Tom Robinson. Please pray for His wife and his little baby that he had and now can't take care of or enjoy due to racial injustice. Please pray for Atticus Finch, he helped a fellow brother out to stand up for his rights. He gave Tom some chance in the harsh Court of Maycomb. I feel that we should have An Atticus appreciation day for his heroic behaviors towards the African American community of Maycomb. Rest In Peace Tom Robinson and fly high.



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