

“Trial at the High Priest’s Palace”

Matthew 26:57–75

- I. Jesus’ Trial before the Council (verses 57–68)
 - A. The Procession from Gethsemane to Caiaphas (verses 57–58)
 - B. The Search for Testimony against Jesus (verses 59–62)
 - C. The Demand for Testimony from Jesus (verse 63)
 - D. The Response of Messianic Triumph (verse 64)
 - E. The Verdict of Death for Blasphemy (verses 65–66)
 - F. The Abuse and Scorn for the Messiah (verses 67–68)
- II. Peter’s Trial in the Courtyard (verses 69–75)
 - A. Peter’s Increasing Denials of Jesus (verses 69–74)
 - B. Peter’s Sudden Recognition and Grief (verse 75)

Big Idea: Jesus was unjustly condemned for telling the truth about himself, while Peter truly stood condemned for denying the truth about Jesus.

Applications

- 1) Loyalty to Christ outweighs your reputation and safety.
- 2) Sin against Christ demands bitter grief.
- 3) Disciples of Christ will share his unjust treatment.
- 4) Disciples of Christ will share his heavenly vindication.
- 5) Opponents of Christ attempt to condemn their judge.
- 6) The humiliation of Christ removes shame for redeemed sinners.