

SERMON OUTLINE

In Mark 14:53-65 we are shown scenes 1-4 of Jesus' trial at the home of the high priest.

- I. The cast is gathered at the high priest's home (vs. 53-54).
- II. The Sanhedrin makes its case (vs. 55-61b).
- III. Jesus makes His case.
 - A. I am the Christ (v. 62a).
 - B. I am the Son of God (v. 62a).
 - C. I will be exalted to God's right hand (v. 62c).
 - D. I will come as the Just Judge (v. 62d).
- IV. The Sanhedrin responds (vs. 63-65).

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, June 5, 2016

Passage: Mark 14:53-65

Memory Passage: Mark 14:61-62

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 14:53-65.** Where was Jesus taken, and who was present?
- (b) What does the makeup of the attendees reveal to you about the seriousness of this meeting?
- (c) What does Peter's presence in the courtyard below reveal about his desires & intentions (cf. v. 50: "they all fled")?
- (d) Why does Mark introduce Peter in the courtyard in v. 54 but not return to his actions until vs. 66ff?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 14:53-65.** Why did the Sanhedrin seek testimony against Jesus (v. 55)? If they had no evidence against Him, why was He arrested?
- (b) If you were a member of the Sanhedrin and thought Jesus was a dangerous blasphemer and must be "put to death" (v. 55), what evidence could you provide, using only the gospel of Mark, to support your claim?
- (c) Why was the testimony presented in v. 58 considered "false" (v. 57), especially in light of John 2:18-22?
- (d) Why did the Sanhedrin abide by Deuteronomy 17:6 even though they were acting in an unscrupulous manner by arresting Jesus and having the hearing without any admissible evidence?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 14:53-65, Dan. 7:13-14, & Ps. 110.** Why did Jesus remain silent after the high priest's first question?
- (b) Why do you think Jesus chose this time and place to clearly and decisively answer the question He asked Peter in 8:29?
- (c) Given the OT passages above, fully explain Jesus' answer to the high priest's 2nd question (v. 62).
- (d) When will Jesus be "seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven" and to what events do these phrases refer?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 14:54-65.** Why did everyone think Jesus' testimony was blasphemous and worthy of death?
- (b) Who was actually guilty of blasphemy in Mark 14:53-65, and why?
- (c) Why did those striking Jesus demand that He prophesy (cf. Matt. 26:68 & Luke 22:64)?
- (d) What did Jesus' answer (v. 62) say about the high priest's power and authority compared to His own?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 14:53-65 & 8:34-37.** How did Jesus model true discipleship (8:34-37) as He stood before the council?
- (b) In what ways do Jesus' actions encourage and strengthen you to continue growing as a faithful disciple of Jesus?
- (c) In what ways might you use this passage to encourage someone (yourself!) to understand & persevere through suffering?
- (d) What lessons & encouragement do you learn from Jesus about enduring persecution & unjust treatment?

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The Just Judge Judged