

Before the Sanhedrin - Mark 14:53-65

Topics: Blasphemy, Confession, Death, Evidence, Fear, Messiah, Persecution, Punishment, Silence, Testing, Witnessing

Open It

- * 1. When was the last time you were misunderstood or misinterpreted?
- 2. What do you think is good or bad about capital punishment?

Explore It

- 3. Before whom did Jesus have to stand trial? (14:53)
- 4. Who followed Jesus as He was being led away? How? (14:54)
- * 5. What did the men of the Sanhedrin want to do to Jesus? Why? (14:55)
- 6. Why did the Sanhedrin have such a difficult time convicting Jesus? (14:55-59)
- * 7. What testimony did some witnesses bring against Jesus? (14:57-58)
- 8. How did the high priest try to get Jesus to answer the questions put to Him? (14:60)
- * 9. What was Jesus' response to all the accusations against Him? (14:61)
- 10. How did Jesus use silence during all the testimony against Him? (14:61)
- 11. What did the high priest finally do in an attempt to speed up the trial? (14:61)
- 12. When did Jesus choose to speak? (14:62)
- 13. What did Jesus tell the Sanhedrin? (14:62)
- 14. Why did the high priest respond with such shock to Jesus' testimony? (14:63-64)
- 15. What did the Sanhedrin consider blasphemy? (14:64)
- 16. To what punishment did the Sanhedrin sentence Jesus? Why? (14:64)
- 17. How did the people in the courtroom abuse Jesus after He was sentenced to death? (14:65)

Get It

- 18. Why do you think Peter followed Jesus "at a distance"?
- 19. What emotions do you think Peter felt as he was following Jesus?
- 20. When have you ever felt that circumstances had gone beyond your control?
- 21. What should we do when circumstances are beyond our control?
- * 22. How do you think Jesus felt during His trial? Why?
- 23. Why do you think Jesus chose to remain silent throughout the initial testimony against Him?
- 24. What can we learn about dealing with stress and fear from Jesus' example?
- * 25. What can we learn about dealing with false accusations from Jesus' example?
- 26. What difference does it make to you that Jesus will one day return?
- 27. What do we learn about Jesus from this trial?
- 28. How can we live our lives blamelessly as Jesus did?

Apply It

- * 29. How do you want to react the next time you are falsely accused or tricked?
- 30. What specific steps can you take this week to entrust your circumstances to God?