

## JESUS WAS TRIED IN OUR PLACE

Mark 14:53-15:15

Key Verse: 14:61,62

### \* JESUS WAS TRIED BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN (14:53-65)

1. After Jesus was arrested, where did they take him? For what purpose? (53,55) What was the Sanhedrin? Does this seem to be a legal meeting? Why or why not?
2. Read 14:55-65. What charges were brought against Jesus in the Sanhedrin? How did Jesus answer? (61a; compare Isa 53:7; Jn 1:29) Why? What were the interrogators seeking?
3. What one question did the high priest ask Jesus that Jesus answered clearly? (61b-62) What did he teach them and us about himself and his ultimate victory? What can we learn from his faith?
4. How was his testimony accepted and what was done to him after this? What does this reveal about the Sanhedrin members who were there? (63-65; 15:1)

### \* PETER DISOWNS JESUS (66-72)

5. What was Peter doing? (54) What shows that he was spiritually unprepared? How had Jesus previously warned him? (14:27-31)
6. Read 14:66-72. What happened to Peter? Why did he fail? What was in his heart when he broke down and wept? (Read verses 71-72 again.)

### \* JESUS WAS TRIED BEFORE PILATE (15:1-15)

7. What did Pilate ask Jesus? What did this question imply? How did Jesus answer? (15:2) Read 15:3-5. What amazed Pilate? Why did Jesus not answer the charges? What did Pilate know about the Sanhedrin and about Jesus? (10; Mt 27:19)
8. What did Pilate suggest? (6-10) Why? Why was this a compromise solution? In what sense was Pilate on trial? How did the people respond? (13) Why?
9. Read 15:13-15. What second compromise did Pilate propose? What can we learn from Pilate and the crowd about fallen man's mentality and the tragedy of a man of compromise?