

JESUS WAS TRIED IN OUR PLACE

Mark 14:53-15:15

Key Verses: 14:61,62

"But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?' 'I am,' said Jesus. 'And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.'"

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read verses 53, 55-59. Where was Jesus taken? What was the Sanhedrin? What kind of evidence were they looking for? What does this show about this meeting? Why was their testimony so obviously false? (Jn 2:19-22)
2. Read 14:60-61a. How did Jesus answer the false charges? (Isa 53:7) Read 14:61b-62. What question did the high priest ask Jesus? What was Jesus' clear answer? What did he teach them and us about himself? About his faith?
3. Read verses 63-65. How did the high priest and Sanhedrin react to the truth? What did they do to Jesus? What does this show about them?
4. Read 14:54, 66-72. Meanwhile, what was Peter doing? Why was he spiritually unprepared? How does he reveal this? What happened to him? Why did he break down and weep?
5. Read 15:1 What decision did the Sanhedrin make and where did they take Jesus? Read 15:2-5. What did Pilate ask Jesus? What did this question imply? How did Jesus answer? What amazed Pilate?
6. Read 15:6-13. What did Pilate know about the Sanhedrin and about Jesus? What did Pilate suggest? Why? Why was this a compromise solution? In what sense was Pilate on trial? How did the people respond? Why?
7. Read 15:13-15. What second compromise did Pilate propose? What was his decision? Why did he hand Jesus over to be crucified? In what sense was Jesus tried in our place? (Isa 53:4-6; Ro 8:1)