

Jesus on Trial

Mark 14:53-65

Context: After His arrest, Jesus is taken to the courtyard of the High Priest of the Temple.

When you observe Jesus on trial...

I. _____ His innocence (vs. 53-60)

- A. Mark observes twice that none of the witness testimony against Jesus was in agreement. According to the Law, the testimony of witnesses in a trial had to be in perfect agreement, Deuteronomy 17:6; 19:15; Numbers 35:30.
- B. The fact is, Jesus did not say what they claimed He said. In John 2:19, Jesus did say this, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." When He said that, He was not referring to the Temple grounds in Jerusalem. He was referring to His own body that would be destroyed on the cross and raised from the dead three days later, John 2:21.

II. _____ His claims (vs. 61-62)

- A. The High Priest asks Jesus if He is the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus replies, "I am."
- B. Jesus then uses the title of the Messiah from the book of Daniel 7:13 - the "Son of Man." Jesus used this messianic title of himself more than 80 times in the gospels.

III. _____ your decision (vs. 63-65)

- A. The Sanhedrin, the ruling body of the Temple made their decision on Jesus. They accused Jesus of Blasphemy and condemned Him to death.
- B. The grand purpose of Mark's gospel, and of all of the gospel writers, is for the reader to reach a personal decision about Jesus Christ.