



Peter In The Courtyard

Mark 14:53-72

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EASY WARM-UP QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever been called for Jury Duty?
 - 1) Did you have to serve? If so, what was that like?
 - 2) Were you excused? If so, what were the circumstances?

JESUS' TRIAL 14:53-65

1. Jesus' trial before Caiaphas was a perversion of justice. Why and how?
2. Why was it necessary to have more than one witness? (consider also Deuteronomy 7:6)
3. Would you personally convict someone based on the testimony of only one witness? (consider if that testimony was electronic - i.e. a computer record or video)
4. A related question: Have you ever convicted someone based on the testimony of only one witness? (Gossip? Rumor? A posting?) Why or why not?
5. What does Jesus' silence help you to understand about Jesus? (consider also 1 Peter 2:23)
6. Recorded in verse 61 is the question that Jesus did answer.
 - 1) Why did Caiaphas ask this question?
 - 2) Why did Jesus choose to answer this question?
 - 3) What does Jesus' answer help you to understand about Jesus? (consider also Daniel 7:13,14)
5. These days, how might Jesus' trust in the Father be of encouragement to you?

PETER'S DENIAL 14:66-72

1. In what ways was Peter faithful to Jesus?
2. What does this (answer to question #1) help you to understand about Peter?
3. Why do you think Peter denied his association with Jesus?
4. These days, in what ways can you identify with Peter?

PROCESSING ALL THAT

1. These days, what does it mean for you to come to where Peter was?
2. How might Psalm 130:1-8 (especially verses 3-5) be of encouragement to you?
3. These days, what does it mean for you to be where Jesus is?

SUPER BONUS EXTRA CREDIT QUESTIONS

1. Thinking back to Mark 14:32-42, how do you think that Jesus' time at Gethsemane helped to prepare Him for this trial?
2. These days, how might you follow Jesus' example as you anticipate trials in your life?