

DISCUSSION IDEAS  
**THE TRIALS OF JESUS AND PETER**

Mark 14:53-72

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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♦ **DISCUSSION POINT ONE: JESUS' SILENCE.**

Compare the account in Mark 14:53-61a with Isaiah 53:7.

A bit later, in verse 61b, Jesus does speak up, but why not at first?

1. What would have been the result of arguing against the false accusations?
2. Who is really in control? What was God the Father's intention for Jesus? Compare Heb. 5:7-10 and Phil. 5:58.

Contrast Jesus' response with Peter's in vv. 66-72.

Why was Peter even there? For part of the answer, look at John 18:15-18. Who was Peter with? (*Probably John, a disciple known to the High Priest.*)

Was Peter's fear based on reality?

Review Mark 14:29-31. Why do you suppose Jesus allowed Peter to experience this?

Compare 1 Peter 2:13-20. Discuss how powerful a lesson Peter learned that day about trust in God.

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: JESUS SPEAKS.**

Read Mark 14:61-65.

Here Jesus is asked a specific question. (Remember, only in the USA can we not be legally required to testify against ourselves.)

What were the two parts of the question?

How does Jesus' answer show His claim to the prophecies of Psalm 110:1 and Daniel 7:13-14?

How does this answer help us understand that Jesus really is God?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT THREE: HOW DOES GOD WANT US TO ACT WHEN TREATED UNJUSTLY?**

Spend some time discussing 1 Peter 2:13-25.

Compare v. 13 with v. 18. What principle is clear regarding obeying unjust leaders?

Ouch!!

How does trusting God change the way we live our present lives?

Talk about vv. 19-23.

If I suffer injustice publicly, but in a godly way, how might God use that for His glory among others?

In v. 24, what does it mean to "live to righteousness"?

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♦ **FOR MEDITATION:**

Read Luke 22:42 and Matt. 26:39.

Meditate on the issues of true submission to God and trust in Him.

We claim to have trusted in Jesus for salvation.

How does this apply to our daily lives?

What does true trust in Jesus look like in my daily life?

♦ **FOR PRAYER:**

Ask God to keep us focused on His priorities.

Ask Him to help us to have unshakable confidence in His faithfulness.

Ask Him to us sort out Truth from distorted teachings and feelings.

Ask Him to help us live out His agape LOVE, both for our fellow believers, and for those who reject or ignore Him.

Continue to uphold the Shelter Valley believers, and the GCC team that serves there.

Let's continue to pray for the Lord's love and power to be seen in Barangonan Island.

Pray for encouragement for Benders and Ingvoidstads. It is a VERY hot season right now. Ask God for protection from injuries and from sickness.

Pray for Eddie, as he grows in Christ and takes on greater responsibilities on Barangonan Island.

Thank God for Seth, who insisted on sharing his testimony openly and in person (not videotaped), even though he is very shy.

Thank God and uphold in prayer the "TFG" (Time For God) group of children and young folks who meet every day!

Pray with the strong, self-motivated women's group as they study God's Word and grow to be mature believers.