

Mark 14:53-15:41 Questions

Read Mark 14:53-65

Jews at the time were looking for a Messiah; the high priest asked if Jesus was the Messiah, and Jesus said he was. Why then did the high priest consider Jesus' answer blasphemy?

Read Mark 14:66-72

Peter was probably overseeing this work, so why don't you think he had Mark skip the part about his betrayal? Why would he have wanted that recorded?

How have you been able to take a failure and help other people learn from it?

Mark paints a very detailed and complete picture of the abandonment and revilement of Jesus, the Son of God. For each of these characters, summarize their behavior. How do people today have similar attitudes towards Christ? How do you have similar attitudes?

- The Council in 14:53-62 and 15:31-32
- Peter in 14:66-72
- Pilate in 15:1-15
- The crowds in 15:8-15
- The soldiers in 15:16-24
- The passersby in 15:29-30
- The robbers on each side in 15:32
- Jesus' disciples (not present)

What does this treatment of God say about human nature? How does it affect how you view yourself? How does it affect how you view others?

Against the bleak picture of humanity in 14:53-15:36, how do verses 15:37-39 offer hope?