



Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: The Messiah Revealed and Condemned

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Outline: Mark 14:43-72 | The Messiah Revealed and Condemned

- ❖ ***Jesus Arrested and the Disciples Scattered (Mark 14:43-52)***
 - Jesus is betrayed through affection (vv. 44-45).
 - Swords are drawn while Jesus asserts God's rule (vv. 48-49).
 - Jesus who was swarmed with crowds, is now arrested and alone (vv. 43-52).
 - **Question:** How should Jesus's submission to the will of God challenge your view of fairness and suffering?
- ❖ ***The Trial of Jesus and the Testing of Peter (Mark 14:53-72)***
 - Jesus silently endures a false trial with lying witnesses. (vv. 53-61a).
 - Jesus reveals himself as both the Messiah and the God-Man (vv. 61b-62; Dan 7:13-14).
 - Peter's denials of Jesus lead to his exceeding sorrow (vv. 66-72).
 - **Question:** Have you denied or accepted the truth of Jesus's identity? Does your lifestyle downplay or declare your allegiance to Him?
- ❖ **Bottom Line: Jesus bore the isolation and judgment we deserved so that, in exchange, we might receive His presence and grace.**

Questions for reflection or discussion:

Mark 14:43-52

- What are some of the differences you notice between Jesus' response to His arrest compared to His disciples' response? Why do you think the disciples responded the way they did? What do you think was specifically wrong with their response?

Mark 14:53-61

- How does Jesus' silence under false accusation challenge your desire to want to defend yourself? Why do you think Jesus chose to remain silent in the face of lies and injustice? When you're falsely accused or misunderstood, do you tend to respond with defensiveness, anger, and/or silence? Why?

Mark 14:61-65

- In what ways does Jesus' declaration in this passage of who He is challenge the way you live your life? Do you believe and live as if Jesus truly is the Son of God and the ruling King? Where is this evident, or not evident, in your life? What is one area in your life you can begin to live more boldly for Jesus?

Mark 14:66-72

- Why do you think Peter, who once claimed he'd die for Jesus, denied Him so forcefully? Have you ever downplayed your faith to avoid conflict, embarrassment, or rejection? What do you think was your motive behind your decision to do that?
- What does Godly sorrow look like? What do Peter's tears at the end of the chapter tell us about the beginning of repentance? Do you recognize any areas in your life where conviction and sorrow need to turn into repentance? Who can walk with you and pray for you as you pursue restoration from recent failures or sinful patterns in your life?