

# Judging The Judge

## Mark 14:53-65

August 20th, 2023

- Last Week: **Hebrew 13:1-17** Are You Ready For the Coming Persecution
- Last Mark Message: **Mark 14:43-52** The Pain & Purpose Of Betrayal
- Friday - **Mark 11-16** Is One Week With Jesus
- **Mark 14-15** — Jesus' Suffering & Death & **Mark 16** — Jesus' Resurrection

### The Witnesses & The Trial

1. The Witnesses Bear \_\_\_\_\_ Witness (**Mark 14:56-57**)
2. The Trial Was \_\_\_\_\_ Because Of (**Mark 14:53-60**):
  - \_\_\_\_\_ It Was Held
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  - The \_\_\_\_\_ It Was Held
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3. The Counsel, Witnesses & Jury Had Already Made Their \_\_\_\_\_
  - "...the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death..."
  - **ζητέω** -(zateo)"sought" means "to hunt, to seek- to devote serious effort to realize one's desire or objective" (**Mark 14:55**)
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ Thing They Came Up With?
  - "And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, <sup>58</sup> "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.' Yet even about this their testimony did not agree." (**Mark 14:57-59**)
  - **John 2:19**, Jesus did say this, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."
  - Hold In Your Mind A Time When \_\_\_\_\_ Had An Accusation Against God

### The Judge

- Who Is The \_\_\_\_\_ ?
  1. Caiaphas, The High Priest? (**Mark 14:60-61**)
  2. Or, Jesus, The Christ? (**Mark 14:61-62**)
  3. Jesus Is The Son Of Man ... The \_\_\_\_\_ Of The Entire World (**Daniel 7:10, 13-14**)
- Why Is Jesus So \_\_\_\_\_ In Telling Who He Is Now?
  1. To Reveal His \_\_\_\_\_ As The Real Judge
  2. He Is The \_\_\_\_\_ ... Yet Look At What He Does!!
  3. To Seal His \_\_\_\_\_ ... To Nail His Own Hands To The Cross

- Caiaphas The Judges Response (**Mark 14:63-65**)

### **How God Handles Our Accusations**

- Our Judgements Against God Are Judged As We See Him Taking Our Own \_\_\_\_\_
- "...the guards received Him with blows." (**Mark 14:65**)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Judgements & Accusations Against God:
  1. "He doesn't know what it's like to walk through suffering, pain, and shame. God just doesn't know ..."
  2. "He doesn't love me. I don't think God really loves me."
  3. "He's not just and fair. I mean look at all the injustice."
  4. "He is not Good, he's holding back."
  5. "God is absent. Where are you God?"
- This \_\_\_\_\_ Us From Our Judging Accusations That Fill Our Minds
  1. You Can Admit You Have \_\_\_\_\_ God
  2. You Are Free To \_\_\_\_\_ Individuals Who Have Wronged You
  3. Free To Stop \_\_\_\_\_ Yourself All The Time
- **1 Corinthians 4:3-5**
- **Romans 8:33-34**

*Jesus, The Judge, Is Falsely Judged  
So That We Do Not Get The Judgment We Deserve*

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Anything that caught your attention or that you especially needed to hear?
2. Why do you think we are so obsessed with justice and injustice in our lives?
3. What kinds of accusations against God have you had in your past?
4. How does seeing Jesus as The Judge being falsely accused affect you?
5. "Jesus the rightful judge took the judgment gavel and drove the spike of suffering into his own palm to destroy all our accusations against God." How does Jesus choosing to bear our judgment impact your thinking on who God is?
6. When this really sinks in we are free to forgive individuals who have wronged you and also free to stop judging yourself all the time. Do you believe this? How deep has this sunk?

**Suggested Reading:** *The Freedom of Self Forgetfulness: The Path to True Christian Joy*, Tim Keller

**Key Words For Kids To Count:** Judge, Judging