

Echoing Denials & Accusations

Mark 14:66-15:15

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- Last Week: Mark 14:53-65 Judging The Judge
- Friday - **Mark 11-16** Is One Week With Jesus
- **Mark 14-15** — Jesus' Suffering & Death & **Mark 16** — Jesus' Resurrection

"Accusations fit on a bumper sticker; the truth takes longer."

Michael Hayden, Former Director of the CIA

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Jesus' Denier

1. Notice The Echo Of The Last _____ Passage (**Mark 14:26-42**)
 - The Prediction Of Peter's Denial 3x, Peter's Sleeping Rather Than Praying 3x
2. Notice How _____ Progresses (**Mark 14:66-71**)
 - _____, "I Do Not Know What You Are Talking About" (**Mark 14:67-68**)
 - _____, "I Do Not Belong To Him" (**Mark 14:69-70**)
 - _____, "I Do Not Even Know Him" (**Mark 14:70-71**)
3. There Is Room For The _____ (**Mark 14:72**)
 - _____ With Jesus' Words
 - _____ You Have Fallen Short

Jesus' Accusers

1. The _____ - "Are You The King Of The Jews?" (**Mark 15:2**)
 - Accusations Are Always About Identity- Who Are You?
2. The _____ - Jesus' Accusers Are Complex
 - Layered - Pilate Called Him King Of The Jews Because They Called Him King Of The Jews ... Because? (**Mark 15:2, 12**)
 - Pilate Perceived The Chief Priests' _____ (**Mark 15:10**)
 - Pilate Understands Jesus' _____ - "Why What Evil Has He Done?" (**Mark 15:14**)
 - Yet ... Wishing To Satisfy The Crowds ... (**Mark 15:15**)
3. Their _____ -
 - The _____ Approach ... Any Accusation, Of Any Kind That Will Stick (**Mark 15:3 ... see Luke 23:1-5**)
 - Use A Divided & Easily Swayed Crowd (**Mark 15:8-10, 15:11-13**)

Jesus' Response

1. The Way Jesus _____ (**Mark 15:2**)

- “You Say So” - Jesus In Two Words (In Greek) Exposes The Echo Chamber Of His Accusers
2. The Way Jesus _____ Answer (**Mark 15:4-5**)
- No Further Answer ... Pilate Was _____
 - If There Was Ever A Time When A Case Could Have Been Made, It Was Here
 - Why Did He Respond This Way?
 - Why Don't We Respond This Same Way?
 - What God Knows About Me Is _____ More Important Than What Others Think About Me
 - He Can Take All These Accusations Because He Knew He Was The Son Of The Father

The Final Verdict

1. The Failure Of The Final Verdict

- **Βαραββᾶς** -(barabbas) a transliteration of Aramaic meaning 'Son of Father' (**Mk. 14:55**)

2. The _____ Of The Final Verdict

- Is This Good Or Bad?
- It Is Good And Bad
- Jesus, “I Am Willing To Take Something Bad For Your Good.”
- “No one takes my life from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.” **John 10:18**

3. The Final Verdict: What Can We Do?

1. _____ Of Our Echo Chambers (**Luke 22:67-68, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5**)
2. _____ The Great Exchange (**2 Corinthians 5:21**)
3. _____ Willing To Face False Accusations Without Defending Yourself (**Proverbs 26:4-5**)

Trust Jesus To Clear Your Name. In Fact, Jesus Alone Can Truly Clear Your Name. He Alone Can Really Make A 'Son Of The Father' He Alone Can Make You A 'Child Of God'. He Is Even Willing For You To Take Up His Identity & His Name.

Discussion Questions:

1. When, if ever, have you felt that your failures made it impossible for you to serve Christ again? How did you overcome those feelings?
2. In this passage, how do you think Jesus was viewed by these people: The Sanhedrin? Pilate? The crowd? Barabbas? The soldiers?
3. How does the story of Barabbas illustrate what Jesus did for you?

Suggested Reading: *The Heavenly Man: The Remarkable True Story Of Chinese Christian Brother Yun*, by Brother Yun & Paul Hattaway

Key Words For Kids To Count: Accuse, Accusation