



Jesus' Trial, Peter's Denial and the Coming Crucifixion

Matthew 26:57-75

Introduction: I want to thank...

I. Jesus Stands Before the _____ – 26:57-68

A. They Led Jesus _____ – 26:57-58

57 And those who had laid hold of Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

B. They Sought _____ Testimony Against Jesus – 26:59-62

59 Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, 60 but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward 61 and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.' " 62 And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?"

One man calls this, "A _____ court if there ever were one."

Billy Graham says, " _____ twisted like pretzels."

In verse 60, "*but they found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none...*"

And then, we read the rest of verse 60, *“But at last two false witnesses came forward.”*

In verses 61, and said, *“This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’ ”*

And in verse 62, we read, *And the high priest arose and said to Him, “Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?”*

C. They Asked Jesus _____ He Was – 26:63-64

63 But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, “I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!” 64 Jesus said to him, “It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Jesus said _____! (Fulfills Isaiah 53:7).

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Look at verse 64, *Jesus said to him, “It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.”*

D. They Accused Jesus of _____ – 26:65-68

65 Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, “He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy!

Look at verse 66, *What do you think?” They answered and said, “He is deserving of death.”*

Death was what they _____, what they sought from the false witnesses, and now what they were demanding.

E. They _____ Jesus – 26:67-68

67 Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands, 68 saying, “Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who

II. Peter’s _____ Denials – 26:69-75

A. Peter’s _____ Denial of Jesus – 26:69-70

69 Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, “You also were with Jesus of Galilee.” 70 But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you are saying.”

Look at verse 70, *But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you are saying.”*

A. Peter’s _____ Denial of Jesus – 26:71-72

71 And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, “This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

He heads off to the gateway, when another girl saw him and said to those who were in the courtyard, *“This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth.”*

Peter is unable to escape the _____ of being a follower of Jesus.

In verse 72, we see Peter’s second response, *But again he denied with an oath, “I do not know the Man!”*

Peter here is making a declaration that He doesn’t know the _____.

B. Peter’s _____ Denial of Jesus – 26:73-74

73 *And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you."*

They said to Peter, "*for your speech betrays you.*" Peter was from Galilee, and his _____ betrayed him. What a play on words here. What will Peter do now? Well, look at verse 74, *Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed.*

What does it mean to _____ and _____ ?

Now, how many times has Peter denied knowing Jesus? Three times. As he continues to deny the Lord, we read, *Immediately a rooster crowed.*

C. Peter _____ the Words of Jesus – 26:75

75 *And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.*

When Peter heard the rooster crow he remembered the word of Jesus.

The last _____ words of this final verse are very telling. We read, *So he went out and wept bitterly.*

Conclusion: How does the trial of Jesus before the Sanhedrin and Peter's _____ apply to our lives, all these thousands of years removed?

The trial of Jesus before the religious leaders:

What about Peter's three denials of Jesus—what does it teach us about our own humanity?