

MARK 14:53 – 15:5

DIVERGENT DEFINING MOMENTS: *Diverging plots* → *Diverging choices* → *Diverging moments*

Diverging Plots: The plot of evil vs. the plot of God

Diverging Choices: The choice of betrayal vs. the choice of submission

The Central Question Remains: “Who is this Jesus?”

There is an intentional contrast that Mark presents: He sandwiches Peter’s defining moment between the account of Jesus’.

JESUS, PART ONE

Mark 14:53-56 - Mark has been building up to this defining moment . . .

- *see Mark 3:5-6, 8:31, 9:31, 10:33-34, 11:18*

Mark 14:57-61a - The trial was not seeking justice.

- *see John 2:19-21*
- Throughout, Jesus fulfills prophecy.
 - *see Isaiah 53:7; 1 Peter 2:20-25*

Mark 14:61b - But the high priest raised the lightening rod of a question.

Mark 14:62 - Jesus shines in a defining moment

- *see Daniel 7:13b-14*
- A defining moment that is so divergent that it rips all of humankind in two.

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” ⁶²And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” – 14:61b-62

Mark 14: 63-65 - (The question of who sits on the throne of our lives)

PETER

Review Mark 14:53-54 - Mark has been building up to this defining moment . . .

- *see Mark 8:32-33, 14:27-31, 14:37-38, 14:46-47*

Mark 14:66-70a – The clouds begin to rumble for Peter . . .

Mark 14:70b-72 – Peter is exposed in a defining moment (the question is still, “Who is this Jesus?”).

JESUS, PART TWO

Mark 15:1 – (Jesus is “delivered over” to Pilate)

- *see Mark 13:9, 11, 12*

Mark 15:2-5 – Pilate asks, “Are you the king of the Jews?”



WHO IS THIS JESUS? HAVE YOU DECIDED TO FOLLOW HIM?

