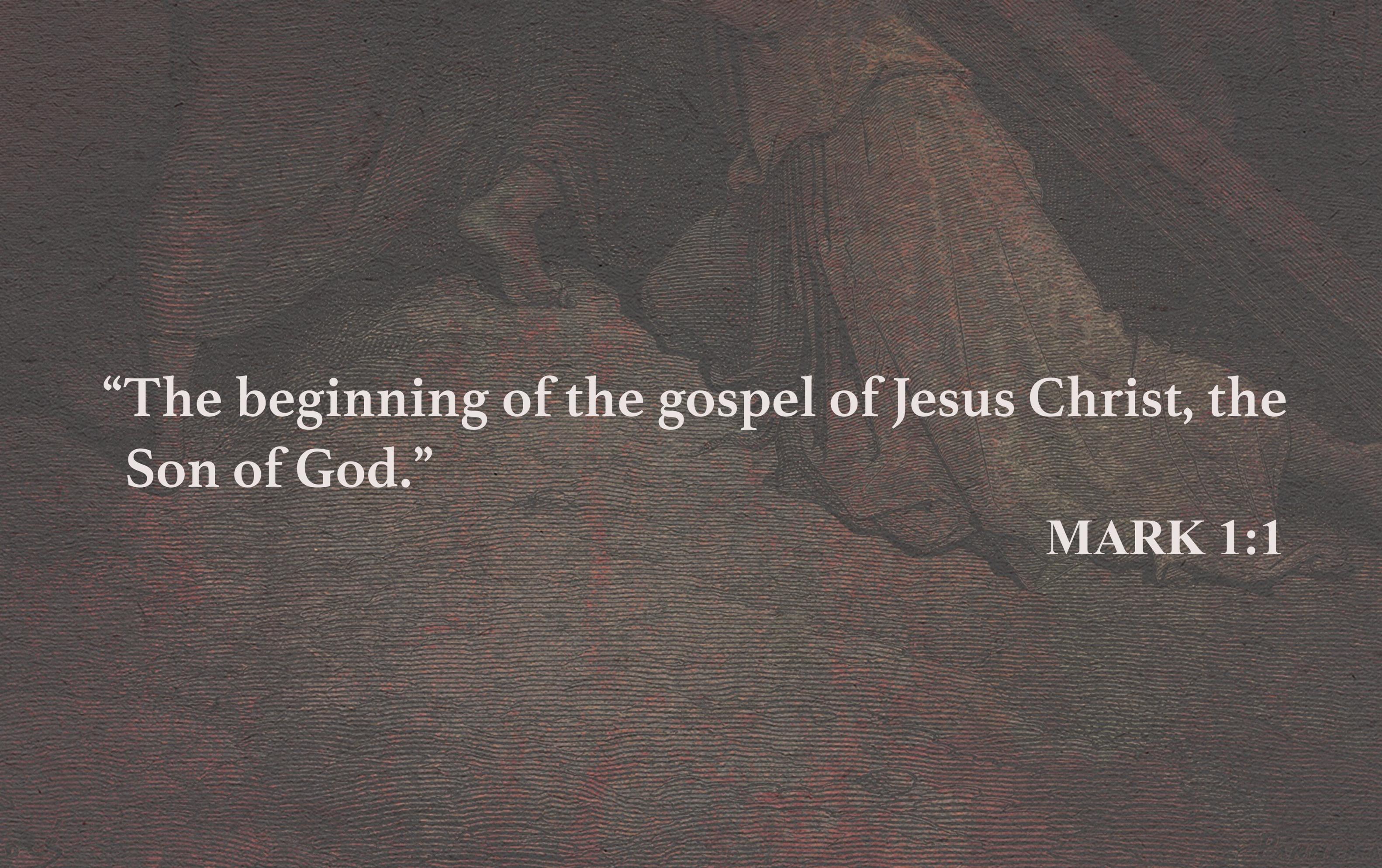


~ THE JESUS LIFE ~
ACCORDING TO MARK

MARK 14:53-65 | JUDGING JESUS



“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the
Son of God.”

MARK 1:1

And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, "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 14:53-59

And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" And 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." And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" And the guards received him with blows.

MARK 14:60-65

POWER BROKERS

So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people....The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching

JOHN 18:12-14,19

THE SANHEDRIN

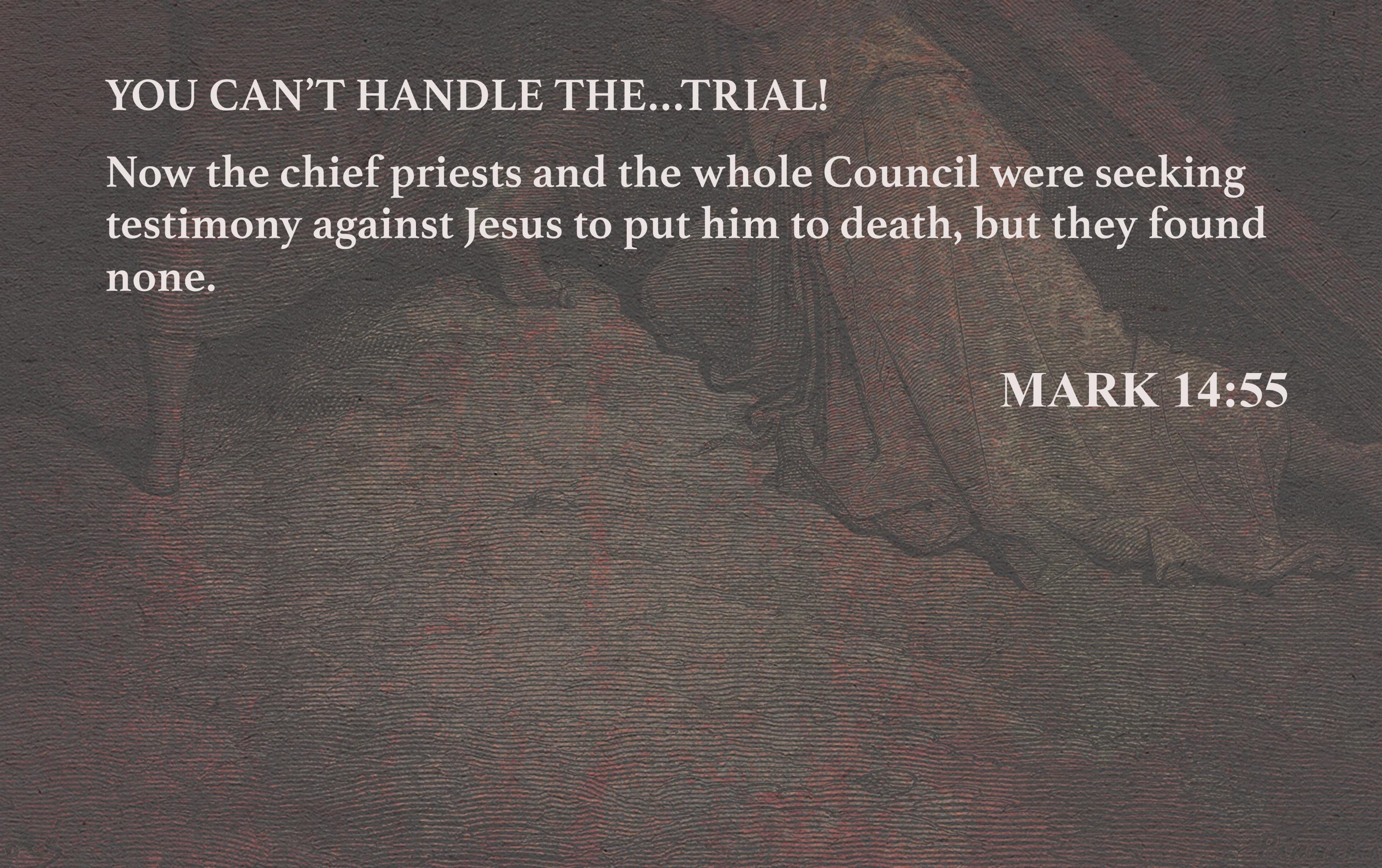
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MARK 14:53

JUSTICE!

“You shall appoint judges and officers in all your towns that the LORD your God is giving you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. You shall not pervert justice. You shall not show partiality, and you shall not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of the righteous. Justice, and only justice, you shall follow, that you may live and inherit the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

DEUTERONOMY 16:18-20



YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE...TRIAL!

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MARK 14:55

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THE QUESTION

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MARK 14:61-62

WHAT IS YOUR VERDICT?

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MARK 14:63-65







SOME REFLECTIONS

- In the face of injustice there is a time to be silent, a time to speak, and a time to act.
- If you have been hurt by injustice, know that Jesus knows how it feels. You have a Savior who understands.
- God's silence does not mean absence. It may very well mean he is about restoration in ways you can't imagine.
- We must all render a verdict on Jesus. Who do you say he is? What does he deserve?