

***STUDIES
IN
MARK***



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LESSON 60

MARK 14:53-65

INTRODUCTION

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, made everything. He was the only man who never sinned. Jesus Christ will be King of the whole world, and King in heaven. But how do we see Him in our lesson today?

He let His enemies lead Him to be tried like a criminal. (Mark 14:53) He let them tie Him up as if He was a bad man, and might try to get away. (Mark 15:1)

If Jesus had wanted to, could He have got away from His enemies?

Why did He not want to get away?

READ MARK 14:53-65

JESUS TRIED BEFORE THE CHIEF PRIESTS - THE WITNESSES

1. From our studies in Mark, would you say that the high priest was a friend of Jesus?

2. A great crowd of Jesus' enemies came to watch His trial. (verse 53) Who came to the trial?

"All the _____ and _____ and the _____."

Why do you think these men all wanted to be there?

They did not know that there were thousands of angels ready to come if Jesus called them. They did not know that Jesus could speak one word and they would be all dead men. They foolishly thought they had Jesus in their power and that He could not get away.

Disciples left Jesus

3. Were the disciples of Jesus there to help Him? . What had the disciples done? (verse 50)

4. They did not think they would all run away if Jesus was in danger. Peter was sure he was not a coward. (Mark 14:29)

What promise did Peter make to Jesus in Mark 14:31?

“If I should _____ with _____, I will not _____ (way) _____.”

5. Were the other disciples any better than Peter? Did they stay with Jesus when He was suffering? (Mark 14:50)

“They _____.” (Ran away.)

Jesus did not have one friend to speak for Him at His trial. Only His enemies were there to criticize Him and tell lies about Him. How many followers does Jesus have today who will stand with Him? Will each one of us stand up for Jesus, even when everybody makes it hard for us?

6. How did Peter follow Jesus when His enemies led Him away? (verse 54)

“Peter _____ Him _____.”

Peter was afraid to let anyone see him close to Jesus. They might kill him too. He forgot that he had told Jesus he would even die with Him. They should have been at the trial to witness for Jesus.

7. What did Peter do when he got to the high priest’s palace? (verse 54)

1) he _____ and _____

2) _____ the _____.



Peter was afraid to be seen with Jesus. He sat down with His enemies.

THE TRIAL

When a trial is held in court, witnesses are called in to tell everything they know about the case.

A WITNESS MUST:

- 1) Promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, "so help me, God."
- 2) He must know something to prove that the person on trial did, or did not do the crime for which he is in court.
- 3) A witness cannot just tell gossip. He must tell what he himself saw or heard.
- 4) If the witness tells lies about the case, he will likely be in trouble himself.

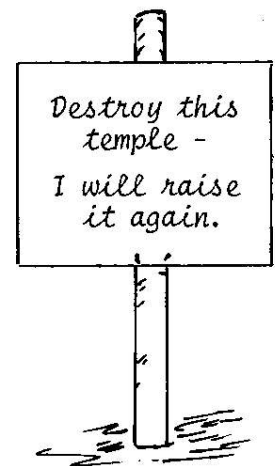


Sometimes there is a mistake. Maybe the person brought to court did not do anything bad. Perhaps the police got the wrong person. When the lawyers can prove the man did not do anything bad, the judge says the man is "not guilty," and he can go free.

1. When the enemies of Jesus brought Him to trial, they had to find some witnesses. These witnesses would have to tell in court what bad things they had heard or seen Jesus do. Could they find anyone? (verse 55)

. Not one person could be found who could prove one thing Jesus ever did that was bad. He was God's Lamb brought to sacrifice. There was nothing wrong in Him. (1 Peter 1:19, Exodus 12:5)

How were the enemies of Jesus going to get Him killed? They could find no witnesses. At last they had a plan. They got men to tell lies about Jesus. These were all false witnesses. But in their lies, they did not tell the same stories. Their witness could not be used because they did not agree with each other.



2. At last some witnesses said they heard Jesus say something bad. They said,
(Mark 14:58)

"I will destroy _____ that is made with hands, and within _____ days I will
made without _____."

3. Were they really telling the truth? Did Jesus really say that? READ John 2:19 to see what Jesus really said. What did He say?

"Destroy _____ and in _____ days I will _____."

Jesus did not say He would destroy the temple. That was lie number one. Jesus did not say He would **build it** up again. Jesus said that if **they destroyed the temple, He would raise it up** in three days.

4. Now READ John 2:21. What did Jesus really talk about?

"... the _____ of His _____."

He told them ahead of time that if they killed His body, He would raise that body again in three days. He was telling them if they killed Him, He would come back to life in three days. When Jesus called His body the temple, He meant that God lived in Him. The Jews knew the temple was the house of God.

5. Jesus heard all the lies they told about Him. Did Jesus answer back? _____
What did He say when His enemies witnessed against Him?
(verse 61) _____ . Is it a good example for us too? _____ .

6. Then the high priest asked Jesus a very important question
(verse 61)

"Art thou _____ , the _____ ?"

(When the Jews said "**The Blessed**" they meant God.)

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Then Jesus made a very important answer. Jesus said (verse 62)

“ .”

7. Then Jesus shocked the whole court by telling them something wonderful they were going to see. What would they see? (verse 62)

“The Son of Man

Christ sitting
next to God
and
coming
in the clouds.

Where would they see Him coming? “ .”

Without fear, Jesus spoke the truth that would send Him to His death.

8. When Jesus made that wonderful prophecy in verse 62, things began to happen fast. Draw a line under the right answers in the following:

1) The high priest (looked very happy, rent his clothes, said nothing).

(In the Bible times people rent or tore their clothes if they had great sorrow, if they were very angry.)

They said,
"JESUS IS
GUILTY OF
DEATH."

2) The high priest said (we need more witnesses, we do not need any more witnesses, our witnesses are all telling lies.)

3) The high priest said (verse 64) (“you have heard a wonderful prophecy, you should all be glad, you have heard the blasphemy.”)

(Blasphemy means that the high priest thought Jesus was only a man but He claimed to be God, the Son of God. In the Old Testament if anyone blasphemed, He was put to death.)

4) The high priest turned to the rest of the council of Jesus’ enemies and asked them, “What think ye?” They all answered the same. They said Jesus was (a good man, guilty and should be put in jail, guilty of death.)

9. In verse 65 we see what awful things the wicked enemies of Jesus did to Him as soon as the judge (high priest) said He was guilty. What shameful things did they do? (verse 65)

- 1) Some began to _____ ,
- 2) and to _____ ,
- 3) and to _____ ,
- 4) and to say _____ .
- 5) the guards _____ .

10. Did Jesus know that these things would happen to Him? _____ .

READ Mark 9:31 and Mark 10:33,34.

JESUS CHRIST is the Son of God.

He made the worlds and He made us.

He lived a holy life, healed the sick and made the blind to see.

He came to earth to show us how much God loves us.

Jesus let His enemies do all the bad things to Him. He even let them kill Him.

How much Jesus loves us! How much do we love Him?

Such love from the Lord Jesus calls for all we are and have!

“Thou shall love the Lord, they God with ALL THY HEART

and with ALL THY SOUL

and with ALL THY MIND

and with ALL THY STRENGTH:

this is the first commandment.”

Mark 12:30

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