**King Jesus was Tried and Condemned for Us**

Mark 14:53-15:15 (Key verse 14:61b-62)

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” 62 “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

1. Where was Jesus taken and who was there (53-54)? What verdict was the Sanhedrin seeking and why could they reach no consensus (55-59)? What does Jesus’ silence in response to the false charges reveal about him (60-61a; Isa 53:7)?
2. What was the intention of the high priest’s question (61b)? How did Jesus’ answer reveal his identity and prophetic judgment (62; 12:36; Dan 7:13-14)? What hope for believers can we find here (13:26-27)? How did the Sanhedrin respond (63-65)?
3. How and why was Peter’s response to accusations different from Jesus’(66-71)? What did Peter remember and how did this help him at his time of failure (72; 14:30-31)?
4. What plans did the Sanhedrin make (15:1)? What question did Pilate ask Jesus and why (2a; Lk 23:2)? What does Jesus’ answer to this question tell us about him (2b)? What amazed Pilate (3-5)? What does this show about Jesus?
5. What custom did Pilate try to use to release Jesus and why (6-10)? Why did Pilate fail to release Jesus (11-15)? What does Jesus’ trial and condemnation mean for us (1Pe 2:22-24; Ac 2:23-24; Ro 8:1)?