

God in the Dock

Mark 14:53-65

The Servant King #46

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The Sanhedrin & A Comfortable Distance -Mark 14:53-54

⁵³ They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together. ⁵⁴ Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.

Life Lesson #1

Honoring God often means leaving the
warmth of the fire.

Seeking & Giving False Testimony. -Mark 14:55-59

⁵⁵ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. ⁵⁶ Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree. ⁵⁷ Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: ⁵⁸ "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.'" ⁵⁹ Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

Answer What? -Mark 14:60-61

⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" ⁶¹ But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Notes:

The term "*means to an end*" refers to any **action** (the means) carried out for the sole purpose of achieving something **else** (an end).

Life Lesson #2

Doing the "right thing" requires doing it for the right reasons and the right way.

The Big Question & HUGE Answer -Mark 14:61-62

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."

The Explosion. -Mark 14:55-59

⁶³ The high priest tore his clothes. "Why do we need any more witnesses?" he asked. ⁶⁴ "You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him as worthy of death. ⁶⁵ Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophecy!" And the guards took him and beat him.

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: *I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God.* That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. *He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell.* You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but *let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher.* He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to intend to." - C.S. Lewis "*Mere Christianity*" pg.56