

JESUS: HIS FINAL 24 HOURS #3: The Jewish Trials

1. Christians are Indeed Permitted to Speak Up in Our Defense (But We Must Never(!) Be Vengeful or Violent) (Mark 14:53-62)

Mark 14:53 And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together.

54 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.

55 Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none.

56 For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree.

⁵⁷ And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, 58 "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."

JESUS: HIS FINAL 24 HOURS #3 ⁵⁹ Yet even about this their testimony did not agree.

JESUS: HIS FINAL 24 HOURS #3 ⁶⁰ 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?"

JESUS: HIS FINAL 24 HOURS #3 ⁶¹ But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"

JESUS: HIS FINAL 24 HOURS #3 62 And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of

And you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

2. Get Used to It: The World Hates Christ - and the World Hates God's People (Mark 14:63-65; John 15:18-24)

Mark 14:63 And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need?

64 You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death.

65 And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophesy!" And the guards received him with blows.

John 15:18 6 If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.

¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you: A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.

²¹ But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

²³ Whoever hates me hates my Father also.

²⁴ If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father.

3. Jesus Wasn't Tried Because He was Religious - But Because He was Radical! (Mark 15:1)

Mark 15:1 And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate.

