

**Series "The God Who Serves"**  
**"Mockery Of Justice"**  
**Mark 14:53-65**  
**Study-61**

**1 Pet. 2:4**

**John 1:11-12**

**This passage is recorded in Matt. 26:57-68; Mark 14:53–65; Luke 22:63-71; John 18:24.**

**The Thought Of Our Passage:** "Jesus Was Rejected Not For False Testimony Of Man, But The True Testimony Of God."

- 1. Verses 53-59 – The Council Before Jesus**
- 2. Verses 60-64 – The High Priest Before Jesus**
- 3. Verse 65 – The Assault Of Jesus**

**1. Verses 53-59 – The Council Before Jesus:**

Mark 14:53

"And they led Jesus away to the high priest;" – Context: Mark 14:43-52, Jesus has been in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus surrendered His will to the Father.

**Jesus Endured 6 Different Trials:** 3 trials were Ecclesiastical (Charging Jesus with Blasphemy); 3 trials were Civil (Charging Jesus With Treason).

1. Arraignment Before Annas: John 18:12-24

John 18:13

Annas – served as high priest from A.D. 6-15 and five of his sons, as well as Caiaphas his son-in-law succeeded him. Caiaphas was high priest from A.D. 18-36, but Annas was still a power behind the throne (Luke 3:2).

John 18:19-24

John 18:23

2. Trial Before Caiaphas: Mark 14:53

3. The Sanhedrin Sentences The Savior to Death: Matthew 27: 1
4. Jesus Presented To Pilate: This is recorded by all four gospels (Matthew 27:11-31; Mark 15:1-15; Luke 23:1-5; John 18:28-40).
5. Jesus' Hearing Before Herod: This is only recorded in Luke 23:6-12.
6. Jesus Sentenced To Death By Pilate: Matthew 27:26-31

Mark 14:53-54

"warming himself at the fire." – Literally, "toward the light".

### **Peter Followed When He Should Have Fled For Safety.**

Mark 14:55

"chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus to put Him to death;" – Why were they doing this?

Both Annas and Caiaphas were Sadducees: did not believe in the resurrection, the spirit world, or the authority of any of the Old Testament except the five Books of Moses.

"Rejection Of Jesus By Way Of the Pocketbook" – Mark 11:18

Caiaphas had already made it clear that he intended to sacrifice Jesus in order to save the nation. John 11:50-51

The Religious Were Jealous Of Jesus: Mark 15:10

Religious Were Hard-Hearted: Mark 3:5-6

There were many violations of the law that the religious committed:

1. The hearing was at the high priest's resident. (Must be at the hall of the temple.)
2. It was to be held during the day. (This was about 3:00 A.M.)
3. It was not to be held on holiday or festival. (This was during Passover.)
4. It was not to condemn, but see if there were charges. (They wanted to condemn and bring death.)

5. If death was decided they would wait one day. (They tried and executed the same day.)

Mark 14:56

“many were giving false testimony against Him,” – Deuteronomy 19:16-21

Mark 14:57-58

John 2:19-21

Mark 14:59

**“Ah! What a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive.”**

## **2. Verses 60-64 – The High Priest Before Jesus:**

Mark 14:60-61

“But He kept silent,”

Silence of Scorn

Silence of Disobedience

Silence of Meekness

Is. 53:7

**The penalty for despising His Word is a Silent Christ. “Deaf Ears Make a Silent Christ!”**

Matt. 26:63 – Literally, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God”; Lev 19:12; Num 30:2.

**Question #1 – “Are You the Christ,” (Office);** Are you the Messiah?

**Question #2 – “Are You Son of the Blessed One” (Nature);** This is called a “euphemistic substitute”.

Mark 14:62

The Confession: "Jesus said, 'I am;'" – This is a clear-cut answer that He declared that He was. John 5:17-18

"you shall see the Son of Man" – Term for God-Man; "Human nature being joined to the divine"; Jesus used this title of Himself joining the human and the divine.

Daniel's Vision Of Jesus Christ: "Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, (Exercising the power of God's hand) and coming with the clouds (Divine Judgment) of heaven." (Daniel 7:13, Psalm 110:1)

Mark 14:63 – "And tearing his clothes,": Literally, "to tear violently", Lev 21:10.

"Jesus Was Rejected Not For False Testimony Of Man, But The True Testimony Of God. It was Jesus' own testimony that condemned Him unto death."

Mark 14:64

John 18:31

### **3. Verse 65 – The Assault Of Jesus:**

Mark 14:65

750 years before this event Isaiah foretold. Is. 50:6

Matt. 26:68

1 Pet. 2:21-23

### **Application:**

1. What A Tangled Web We Weave, When First We Practice To Deceive.
2. The Penalty For Despising His Word Is A Silent Christ. Deaf Ears Make a Silent Christ.
3. Jesus Clearly Confessed Who He Was: Mark 14:61-62.
4. Jesus Was Rejected Not For False Testimony Of Man, But The True Testimony Of God.