



“What Does Jesus Deserve?”

Sunday, November 5, 2023 | Text: Matthew 26:57-68

Parallel Passages: Mark 14:53–65; Luke 22:54, 63–71; John 18:12–13, 19–24

1. Following Him at a distance (vs. 57-58).

[57] Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. [58] And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end.

2. Remaining silent amid deceit (vs. 59-63a).

[59] Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, [60] but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward [61] and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’” [62] And the high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” [63] But Jesus remained silent.

Isaiah 53:7

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

3. Clarifying the claim of deity (vs. 63b-64).

And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” [64] Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

*Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 110:1

4. Determining what He deserves (vs. 65-66).

[65] Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. [66] What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.”

5. Spitting in His face (vs. 67-68).

[67] Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, [68] saying, “Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”

*Isaiah 50:6

Next Sunday’s Sermon: Matthew 26:69-75

If you were to share a key insight from today’s sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Discussion Questions: Why was Peter following Jesus at a distance? Why could the chief priests and the whole council not find any credible witnesses to condemn Jesus? Why did Jesus remain silent before all the false accusations? What is the significance of Jesus’ response to the high priest? How does this text reveal the depths of sinful humanity? What does this text reveal of God’s plan for redemption of sinful humanity? How is any sin like spitting in the face of Christ? What does Jesus truly deserve, and why? Do you live in such a way that reflects what Jesus deserves?

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