**JESUS WAS TRIED IN OUR PLACE**

Mark 14:53-15:15

Key Verses 14:61-62

*“But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, ‘Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?’ ‘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. Read 14:53, 55-61a. Where was Jesus taken? What kind of evidence were they looking for and what did they find? What showed that their testimonies were false (Refer to Jn 2:19-22)? What does Jesus’ silence in response to the false charges reveal about him (Isa 53:7)?
2. Read verses 61b-65.? What motivated the high priest’s question? How did Jesus reveal his identity and prophetic judgment (Rev 1:7)? What hope can we find here? How did the high priest and Sanhedrin react to Jesus’ words of truth? What does this show about them?
3. Read verses 54, 66-72. What did Peter do (54)? How did Peter respond to questioning (66-71)? Why did he deny being with Jesus? How was Jesus’ prophetic words fulfilled (72a; 14:30)? What did Peter do when he realized that he had disowned Jesus? Why?
4. Read 15:1-5. What plans did the Sanhedrin make and why were they necessary (Jn 18:31)? How did Jesus affirm his true identity before Pilate? How did Jesus reply to his accusers? What amazed Pilate?
5. Read verses 6-10. Who was Barabbas? What was the custom that Pilate tried to use? Why did he want to release Jesus? Why did he continue referring to him as “the king of the Jews?”
6. Read verses 11-15. Why did Pilate fail to release Jesus? What was Pilate’s final decision? What does Jesus’ trial and condemnation mean to us (Isa 53:4-6; 1Pe 2:22-24; Ac 2:22-23; Ro 8:1)?