

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why didn't Jesus say anything in His own defense?
2. Why were the two witnesses called false witnesses?
3. What is the irony of the true meaning of the alleged false claim against Jesus by the two false witnesses and what was about to happen?
4. Why do you think Christ chose to speak when He did? (Compare with Matthew 27:11)
5. Compare and contrast Christ on trial with Paul on trial. (Acts 22 and 23)
6. How should we react when we are falsely accused?

SUMMARY:

Jesus stood all alone before the Sanhedrin, no defense council, not even a friend to comfort Him in this dark hour.

Jesus is still on trial today as false witnesses make mockery of Him and degrade and curse His holy name. Are we like Peter who stands afar off, ashamed to be one of those associated with Him? Let us be a witness for His defense and proclaim that He is the Son of God. Let us provide for His spirit a comfortable abode in our hearts and dedicate our lives to help further His cause.

May this lesson help us remember again the price He had to pay and how much it cost Him to free us from sin. [\[SoF:4\]](#)

NOTES:

[\[SoF:4\]](#) We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life. He died on the cross for us. His shed blood is the atonement for our sins.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #9

February 26, 2023

First Quarter

THE KING ON TRIAL

LESSON TEXT: *Matthew 26:57-68*

LESSON SETTING: The trial of Jesus at the palace of the High Priest, Caiaphas.

TIME: About 33 A.D. The night before Jesus died on the cross.

I. THE SLANDERED SAVIOR. Matthew 26:57-61

- A. Forsaken (vs. 56, 58)
- B. Rejected. Isaiah 53:3; John 1:10-11; 8:57-59
- C. Falsely Accused (vs. 60-61) Mark 14:55-59, 63-64

II. THE SILENT SAVIOR. Matthew 26:62-63

- A. No Defense (vs. 62) Matthew 27:12-14; 1 Peter 2:22-23
- B. Prophesied. Isaiah 42:2; 53:7

III. THE SUFFERING SAVIOR. Matthew 26:64-68

- A. Spit Upon (vs. 67) Mark 15:19
- B. Buffeted (vs. 67) 1 Peter 2:20
- C. Smitten (vs. 67) Luke 22:63-64

GOLDEN TEXT: *HE CAME UNTO HIS OWN AND HIS OWN RECEIVED HIM NOT.* John 1:11

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Mark 14:26-31, 66-72

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75;
Luke 22:31-34, 56-62;
John 13:36-38, 18:16-18;
1 Corinthians 10:11-13

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ - King and Savior

TOPIC: THE KING DISOWNED

INTRODUCTION:

Peter was in earnest when he told Christ that he would not be offended but be ready to go with Him both into prison and to death. But he depended upon his own strength to carry him through. He had no plans to deny Christ, but little did he know of the weakness of his own flesh. The lesson was a severe one for Peter, but he learned much through his bitter repentance and remorse. The experience humbled him and made him truly recognize the fact that his strength lay only in his faith in Christ. Of this faith he later was able to write in his precious epistles.

What a comfort it must have been to Peter when during his repentance for denying his Lord, he could remember Jesus' precious words to him, "But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not . . ." (Luke 22:32a) In the same way, when severe trials almost overwhelm us, may we His children find comfort in the fact that Christ is now at the right hand of God praying for us. How grateful we are to know that our Precious Lord is interceding for us.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Christ took our place in the trial and was condemned to death as our substitute.

**GOLDEN TEXT: WHEREFORE, LET HIM THAT THINKETH HE
STANDETH TAKE HEED LEST HE FALL.** 1 Corinthians 10:12

At first thought, Peter seemingly might be commended for his love toward Jesus and his bravery in promising to remain true even to the death. Yet we can observe a trusting in himself, a feeling that he would be stronger than all the rest. "Although all should be offended, yet will not I." (Mark 14:29) How much better to have said, "Pray for me, that I might be able to be true to Thee."

It is only by the Grace of God that we can become followers of Christ. It is only through the strength and faith which He gives that we can remain true in all temptations. May we ever be humble and lowly and not "to think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." (Roman 12:3)

The writer of the Proverbs also warned against the danger of being proud and trusting in self. "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." (Proverbs 16:18)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Feb 27 – Mar 5

- Mon. *Peter's Confidence. Mark 14:26-31
- Tue. Christ's Warning. Luke 22:31-40
- Wed. Peter's Confusion. Mark 14:46-54
- Thu. *Peter's Denial. Mark 14:66-72
- Fri. The Lesson Peter Learned. 1 Peter 5:6-11
- Sat. How to Avoid Temptation. Proverbs 4:10-19
- Sun. An Example of Repentance. 2 Chronicles 33:10-20

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