



Gospel Community Study Questions

Gospel of Mark | The Judge(d) One

Key Passages: *Mark 14:53-65; 1 Timothy 1:12-13*

Big Idea: *Jesus is the judged one who judges us faithful*

Read and Recap

Read Mark 14:53-65

Discuss

Our passage describes Jesus on trial in a traditional Jewish court in the temple. What about the court feels wrong to you as you read it? How does Mark help us see in the passage that Jesus' trial is flawed and how does what you know about Jesus and the religious leaders reinforce what you're feeling and what Mark says about the court?

What prophetic Scripture is Jesus alluding to when he answers the High Priest's question in v62 and why does Jesus deliberately go there?

The court responds to Jesus' claim in v62 with outrage and fury. Discuss together why their response so dramatic but also take some time to read C.S Lewis' thoughts on how we should approach Jesus in the quote overleaf and consider why the court's response is entirely appropriate. *(It might be helpful to discuss together where each of you stand in relation to your belief of who Jesus is if you're in a mixed group).*

There is a dramatic reversal of roles in this court as God is placed on trial by sinful humanity. How does the trial of Jesus display the wonder of the gospel to us. Share what response this evokes within you?

Not only is Jesus the judge judged for our sin, 1 Timothy 1:12-13 tells us that he gives us a new verdict as *faithful* (the wonder of the gospel again!). How does this passage tell us we will be able to serve God faithfully?

Close & Pray

Take some time to pray for each other that we would live faithful lives to God this week as we draw on the strength of Christ.

Coming Up

Next week we'll be wrapping up this section of Mark's Gospel in Mark 14:66-72.

C.S. Lewis - Mere Christianity, pg 45

“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronising nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”