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**Lesson 5 – Jesus and the Priests**

**Mark 14 : 52-72**

**Day 1 – Review**

1. What challenged or encouraged you from the lecture, and how did it help you in your Christian walk?

2. What in the notes helped you to understand God’s Word, and how did you apply it?

**Day 2 – Read Mark 14:53-59**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson. One possible verse to pray is Isaiah 26:2. Lord, only You can keep me in perfect peace as I trust in You. Today, please help my mind to be fully stayed on You as I read Your Word so that I might experience Your perfect peace.*

3. Jesus is taken to the high priest and others to be judged.

a. Who is the high priest? See Matthew 23:3

b. Who were the others judging Jesus? See Mark 14:53,55

4. **Thought Question:** Why does v.57 describe this testimony as “*false* witness” if Jesus indeed said it? Jesus’ words are always true, but how might our understanding and therefore explanation of it (our witness) to others sometimes be inaccurate?

5. Read John 2:19-22.

1. How accurately did this witness report Jesus’ actual words? Write down how the two statements differed.

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1. According to these verses, explain what Jesus meant by this statement.
2. When did the disciples receive complete clarity about what Jesus really meant by His statement?

6. We all want perfect understanding of Jesus’ words as soon as we hear them, but God’s ways and timing are not ours. What do you learn from the following verses about how He sometimes reveals His truths to us in stages and gives enlightenment in His timing and ways?

Proverbs 25:2-

Isaiah 55:8-9-

Job 42:2-3

7. So how are we each to understand God’s Word to us? Use the following verses to help you with your answer—

 Psalm 46:10-

 Proverbs 3:5-

Isaiah 26:3-

***Apply this day:*** *If there’s something you don’t understand in God’s Word or in your life, take time today to be still before Him and then choose to trust Him with His perfect provision, care, and timing even when you don’t understand.*

**Day 3 – Read Mark 14:60-65**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson*

 8. What questions does the high priest ask of Jesus in verses 60-61? What is Jesus’ response in verse 62

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9. Jesus’ answer began with “I am.” How do the following verses help you understand the weighty significance of this reference?

Exodus 3:13-15-

Revelation 1:8

John 8:58

10. Jesus responded briefly but powerfully in Mark 14:62—He is the great I AM, and He would be sitting at the right hand of God and coming on the clouds of heaven. What further confirmation of this truth do you find in Romans 8:34 and Revelation 1:7?

11. Read Luke 22:66-71. What question and answer does Luke include in verse 67?

 12. ***Thought Question:*** Using the following verses, how important is it to believe Jesus is who He says He is?

Romans 3:22-24-

Romans 10:9-10-

Hebrews 11:6-

13. ***Personal Question:*** What was the result of Jesus’ truthful testimony in Mark 14:63-65? How willing are you to suffer even a little to testify to others about who Jesus is?

***Apply this day:*** *Pray and ask the Lord to show you someone with whom you can share the good news of who Jesus is. Then ask God for boldness and faith to share with that person or with whoever comes into your path today.*

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**Day 4 – Read Mark 14:66-72**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

14. Referring back to Mark 14:54, after Peter came into the courtyard, what was he doing and who was he with?

15. Who was Peter’s accuser in verses 66 and 69?

16. ***Thought Question:*** In We just saw Jesus’ bold, fearless testimony before the authorities, but now we witness Peter’s fearful cowering before a servant girl. What’s your natural tendency when you are faced with any kind of fearful circumstance?

17. ***Personal* Question**: Looking back at Mark 14:54, what little phrase describing Peter gives us a clue about what led him to give in to fear?

What must we be mindful to do when we face frightening situations so we will not be overwhelmed? See Heb.12:1-2 to help you with your answer.

18. Remember that this incident with Peter happened before the cross and resurrection of Jesus, and therefore the empowering Holy Spirit had not yet been given to believers. The Holy Spirit emboldens Jesus’ followers with divine power far beyond what we’d naturally have. Later in Acts 2:14, we see Peter totally unafraid and addressing huge crowds with the Truth of the Gospel. What do you learn about the Holy Spirit and the power given believers from the following verses—

Acts 2:1-4-

Acts 4:31-

Romans 8:11-

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19. The Lord knows our natural tendency to be fearful. There are over 365 instances in the Bible where God tells us not to be afraid! How do the following verses encourage you to trust in God’s awesome power and not to be afraid?

Joshua 1:5, 9-

Psalm 27:1-3-

***Apply this day:*** *Pray—Lord forgive me when my focus turns away from trusting you and I fall into fear. Help me remember Your perfect love for me because that will cast out all fear. I pray for Your Holy Spirit to fill me up today and embolden me to share You with others.*

**Day 5 – Reread Mark 14:66-72**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

20. In day 4, we saw how Peter fell to the temptation to be overcome by fear, and thus He denied his Lord. But there was another sinful pattern evident in Peter’s life. How do the following verses demonstrate Peter’s tendency to the dangerous sin of pride?

Mark 8:31-33

Mark 14:27-31

21. What happens to Peter after he denies Jesus three times? What do you think these tears represented for Peter?

22. ***Thought Question:***  Remember that all Scripture is for teaching and training—not for judging someone else (like Peter here)—and for self-examination. What areas of pride have crept into your life that you need to confess and bring to God for forgiveness? Ask the Lord to reveal those pockets of pride and use the following verses to help you as you seek His forgiveness.

 Psalm 139:23-

 I John 1:8-9-

 Acts 3:19-

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23. Peter and his great strength or his “good works” could not save him, nor can they save us. What do these verses teach us about the Lord being the only One powerful enough to save?

 Zechariah 4:6

 Ephesians 2:8-

 Acts 4:12

24. ***Personal Question:*** Peter weeps when he remembers Jesus’ words and his own terrible failure. But we can all find enormous comfort in our merciful Savior who knows our every weakness, yet who loves us, forgives us, and credits us with *His* righteousness, totally apart from our works. Read Romans 3:21-24 and Romans 4:6-8. How do these verses encourage you?

***Apply this day:*** *In what is your confidence today? In yourself, your abilities, your goodness, your strengths…or in Christ alone and His forgiveness and grace? Take a few minutes to thank God for His extravagant gift of forgiveness and redemption through Christ, and ask Him to enable you to focus upon and follow Him wholeheartedly this day.*

**Day 6 – Reread Mark 14:60-62  (SOAP)**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

**Scripture** – *Write the verse(s).*

**Observation** – *Record something you learned from these verses. Possible questions to ask for observation: What principle do I learn? What warning should I heed? What commandment should I obey? What aspect of God’s character do I see?*

**Application** *– How can I apply these verses to my life?*

**Prayer** *– Pray to God, praise Him, and ask Him for what you need in response to what you learned. Write down your prayer.*