

Small Group Study Notes

Mark 14:53-72

1. We assume Jesus' decision not to defend himself was based upon Psalm 110:1 where God promises to deal with his son's enemies. A similar promise has been made to us in Rom 12:19. So what does it mean to you not to defend yourself?
2. What aspects of this trial suggest it was not impartial?
3. On what grounds was Jesus finally convicted and was he guilty as charged?
4. In admitting that he was the son of God Jesus quotes Daniel 7:13. What is the significance of this passage?
5. In what ways are the actions of Judas and Peter similar and in what ways are they dissimilar?
6. How would you explain Peter's motives in that he followed Jesus in to the high priests house and then denied knowing him?
7. In what situations do you feel most tempted to deny being connected to Jesus?
8. In light of this event why do you think it is that Peter still ends up as one of the chief church leaders?