

MATTHEW

August 6, 2023

Matthew 26:57-68

READ

Matthew 26:57-68

Mark 14:53-65

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

Jesus will undergo six hearings or so-called "trials" after His arrest. Matthew gives an account of three of them. This hearing is His arraignment before Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin.

1. Where & when is this hearing held (vv. 57-58)? Explain how this may be problematic.

2. What is Peter's intention for making his way into the courtyard of the high priest (v. 58)?

3. What is the intent of the Council (v. 59)? Explain how this may be problematic.

What is the result (v. 60; Mark 14:56)? What is suggested by the adjective "false"?

4. Note the inconsistencies between the so-called witnesses' testimony of what Jesus said (v. 61; Mark 14:58) and what He actually said (John 2:19).

5. Reflect on Jesus' silence during His interrogation (v. 63a). How is this a display of true meekness (power under control)?

How is this an encouragement/example for you?

6. Caiaphas puts Jesus under divine obligation to speak the truth (v. 63b). How does the charge put forth by Caiaphas and the previous confession made by Peter (Matthew 16:16) compare? And what is the difference?

7. What is Jesus saying to Caiaphas by compressing these two Old Testament verses (v. 64)?
 - Psalm 110:1

 - Daniel 7:13-14

8. Explain the dramatic reaction of Caiaphas and the Council (vv. 65-66). Under what circumstances would this be appropriate and/or true?

9. Who is really on trial here?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will seek meekness this week by . . .

I will affirm the identity of Christ this week by . . .