

Questions to Consider

1. Jewish rules for trials like the one Jesus faced require two separate hearings on consecutive days with a vote of the Sanhedrin taken each day. The hearings cannot be at night or during a feast. How did the Sanhedrin violate its own rules?
2. Why was it necessary for Jesus' innocence to be clear from these trials? What bearing does His innocence have on your spiritual condition? Support your answer with Scripture.
3. What did Jesus do with previous statements from demons and people who witnessed Him and who realized that He was the Son of God? Why?
4. How did Jesus identify Himself in Mark 14:62? Read Daniel 7:13-14 and Psalm 110:1-2. How do those prophecies from the background to the answer Jesus gave to the Sanhedrin in Mark 14:62?
5. In what way(s) do we see the complete control of Jesus in the events surrounding His trials?
6. Can you recount times of suffering, hardship, or even experiencing God's chastisement for your own sin, when you could see how God was in control and was still working for His glory and for His good in your life?
7. What assurance exists for believers in Jesus Christ, when they suffer, based on the control of Jesus that is evident during His trials? What can you be assured of?

*After each service, if you need prayer,
someone will be available up front to pray with or for you.*

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Convicting An Innocent King

Mark 14:53-64; 15:1-15

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Jesus faced two criminal trials before His crucifixion. Each demonstrated His perfect innocence and His control over the events surrounding His death. The conviction of an innocent king has important implications for His people today.

The Perfect Innocence of Jesus

Implication of Jesus' Innocence for Believers (cf. Hebrews 7:25-27; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 4:23-25).

The Complete Control of Jesus

Implication of Jesus' Complete Control for Believers (cf. Colossians 2:14-15; 2 Corinthians 4:15).