



First Baptist Church of Cypress
MODELING CHRISTLIKENESS
MARK 14:53-65; 15:1-15

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Good morning church! Turn in your Bibles to Mark 14 as we read the account of Jesus' trials, like that of all the gospels, makes it clear that Christ was tried in two general phases: #1. Jesus is tried before the religious authorities; and #2. before the secular political authorities. If we read all four gospels, we have a complete picture of the Jesus' interrogation, trial, and sentencing.

Mark 14:53-65; 15:1-15

"And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. 54 And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. 55 Now the chief priests and the whole council[a] were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. 56 For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. 57 And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, 58 "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" 59 Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. 60 And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?"[b] 61 But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" 62 And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." 63 And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? 64 You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. 65 And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" And the guards received him with blows."

"And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. 2 And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." 3 And the chief priests accused him of many things. 4 And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you."

5 But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. 6 Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. 7 And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. 8 And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. 9 And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" 10 For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. 12 And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" 13 And they cried out again, "Crucify him." 14 And Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." 15 So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged[a] Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified."

1. Jesus Exercised the SILENCE of INNOCENCE. (v 53-61)

"If a wise man has an argument with a fool, the fool only rages and laughs, & there is no quiet. Bloodthirsty men hate one who is blameless and seek the life of the upright. Fools give full vent to their rage, but the wise bring calm in the end."

Proverbs 29:9-11

- Christians seek ACCOUNTABILITY of one's actions and words.
- Christians are to live APPROPRIATE lifestyles.

"Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control."

Proverbs 25:28

2. Jesus Exercised the VOICE of INTEGRITY. (v 61-65)

"but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, 16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame." 1 Peter 3:15-16

- Christians articulate one's beliefs HUMBLY, thoughtfully, reasonably, and BIBLICALLY.

*"The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart; whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others." **Psalm 15:2-3***

- Christians are to be guilty of GODLINESS & CHRIST-LIKE attitudes.

*"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires." **James 1:19-20***

3. Jesus Exercises FAITH in God's Unwavering PLAN. (v 15:1-15)

- Jesus MODELS how Christians are to LIVE faithfully.

*"For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father." **John 10:17-18***

"The Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil."

2 Timothy 24-26