

“False Witnesses” Matthew 26:57-67

The ONE that will one day judge the World, allowed the World to unjustly judge HIM.

1. “JESUS was led to _____, the High Priest” **V.57**

- A. For our Savior, there would be a _____ and religious trial. Then there would be a _____ and political trial.
- B. Caiaphas was a political _____ by Rome, from 18-36 A.D. His father-in-law, _____, held the office, from 6-15 A.D., but was still a force in the background of Jerusalem politics and religion.
- C. Caiaphas was a _____, which meant he did not believe in the _____, the spirit world, and the _____ of any OT books, except the 5 Books of Moses. His family managed the Temple _____ which made them very wealthy. Mt. 21:12-13

2. “But Peter was following at a _____” **V.58** People today often follow CHRIST from a distance because they are afraid of the loss of their _____, or are hesitant because of the possible _____ from people they want to please, which makes them unwilling to _____ to CHRIST. Mt. 10:32-33, Rev. 3:15-16

3. “The Chief Priests and the Council kept trying to find _____, so they might put HIM to death. They did not _____, even though many false witnesses came forward.” **V.59-60**

- A. The _____ (Council) was the Supreme Court of Israel, and was made up of _____ dominant men. They had already _____, illegally in the middle of the night.
- B. They feared the growing _____ and power of JESUS. Their conclusion was HE had to be killed, even though there was no _____ for it. They needed _____ witnesses.
- C. Scripture warns about making false statements:
“A false witness shall not go _____.” Prov. 19:5,
Ex. 20:6, Prov. 6:16-19

4. Two false witnesses were recruited to _____ and misconstrue JESUS’s words. They _____ distorted the truth by claiming: “This Man said, ‘I am able to destroy the _____ of GOD, and rebuild it in _____.’” (stated about 3 years earlier - John 2:19)

V.61 1 Cor.6:19-20

- A. Caiaphas demanded, “Do You not _____?” JESUS would not

- _____ their devious charade; so he did not even respond. **V.62**
- B. Incensed, the clever Caiaphas screamed, 'I put You under _____, by the Living GOD, that you tell me whether you are the _____, the Son of GOD!' **V.63** Lev. 19:12, Num. 30:2
5. JESUS replied, **V.64** "You have _____ yourself."
- A. "Nevertheless I tell you, soon you will see the Son of Man _____ at the Right Hand of Power;" Ps. 110:1
- B. "And _____ on the Clouds of Heaven." Daniel 7:13
- C. In these short statements, under Oath, JESUS predicted HIS _____, HIS _____, and HIS _____ in Glory.
6. Caiaphas tore his _____, and screamed to the Sanhedrin, **V.65**
- A. "HE has _____, we no longer need witnesses!"
(Blasphemy means to _____ GOD, or to claim the _____ of GOD; both of which were a _____ offense.)
- B. He implored, "You heard the blasphemy. How do you _____?"
- C. They replied, "HE deserves _____." **V.66**
7. Angry men _____ CHRIST's eyes and: **V.67-68** Mark 14:65
- A. _____ in HIS face - Beat HIM with their _____
- _____ HIM - And unbelievably joked, "_____, you CHRIST! Tell us who just punched you and knocked you to your knees!!"
- B. The SAVIOR took all this ... _____.