“I AM,” SAID JESUS

Mark 14:53–72

Key Verse: 14:61b,62

1. To whom did the armed crowd take Jesus, and who gathered there? (53; cf. 8:31; 11:27; 14:43) Where was Peter, and what was he doing? (54) What does this show about him?
2. What were the religious leaders looking for, and what was their dilemma? (55,56) What false testimony was brought against Jesus? (57,58) What were they trying to say about him in this? What was the problem with this testimony? (59)
3. What did the high priest do and say, and why? (60) How did Jesus respond? (61a; Isa53:7) What can we learn from him here?
4. What else did the high priest ask? (61b) What was he hoping to prove? (64a) How did Jesus answer? (62a) Why was it important for him to say this, and how could he? Why is it important for us to have a clear Christian identity, and how can we? (1Pe3:14,15; 4:16)
5. What did Jesus predict? (62b) How would this be a great reversal of roles? (2Ti4:1) What hope do Jesus’ words here give us? (1Jn3:2,3) How did the high priest respond, and why? (63,64a) What did the others do to Jesus, and why? (64b,65)
6. Who noticed Peter and what did she say? (66,67) How did Peter respond, and why? (68) How else did she pressure him? (69,70a) What caused his third denial? (70b,71) What happened, and how did this fulfill Jesus’ words? (72,30) Why had Peter failed, despite his good intentions? How is he a contrast to Jesus? What should we learn here?