

Unexpected: The Gospel of the Servant King

Failures Build the Church

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Mark 14:53-15:1

Big Idea: Jesus cares more about our _____, than our _____.

Who you are is built more on what Jesus has _____, than what you have _____.

Embrace the truth that Jesus is stronger than all our _____.

Jesus is the judge who has pardoned you not because of your _____, but because of His.

When we make building the church about how we _____, we end up making a _____.

A simple way to share Jesus with others looks like asking them their story:

1. Ask someone their story.
2. Share your story and how Jesus is a major part of it.
3. Talk about how Jesus' story can collide with their story, in the same way He entered into your story.

3. In these verses Jesus was questioned by powerful people. Describe Jesus' attitude and His responses to those powerful people.

In **14:66-71**, who was Peter questioned by? Describe his attitude and responses to *his* questioners.

What was going on in Peter at a heart level?

Can you share an experience when you struggled like Peter did?

Since you know Jesus and the truth about Him, how will that help you not act like Peter in these verses?

4. Read **Mark 14:54**. If Peter was bold enough to enter the courtyard of the priests and sit with the guards, why do you suppose he denied Jesus not once but three times?
5. Read **Mark 14:72**. The Message paraphrases this as, "He collapsed in tears." Have you ever "collapsed in tears" for what you thought was a failure to serve Jesus? What did you do to get past your feelings of failure?

6. Read **Mark 14:55-56**. Put yourself in the place of the Sanhedrin. What's going in your mind? Why do people ignore the truth?
7. Read **Mark 14:62**. The entire world is now tuned in to the current corona virus pandemic. Do you think **v.62** might possibly have any relationship to today's situation? If so, what?

For Further Study:

1. Read **Mark 14:56-60**. When do you think it is appropriate to defend yourself and when do you think you should ignore false testimony against you?
2. Read **Mark 14:58** and **John 2:19**. What conflict, if any, do you see in these verses?
3. Read **John 18:37-38**. How do you determine truth in your worldview? Is it as simple as just "reading the Bible"?
4. Do you find it easy to excuse or rationalize your sins by pointing to others whose sins seem worse to you than your own sins? Explain.