

For the week of February 25, 2018

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Jesus on Trial

Third week in the series: *The Final Hours*

Matthew 26:57-68

When Jesus is brought to trial before the Jewish leaders, they unjustly conclude that he deserves to die. While Jesus is willing to lay down his own life at the hands of his enemies, he promises that he is coming back to rule forever in power and justice.

Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways have you seen people today put Jesus on trial? How have you put Jesus on trial?
2. Instead of defending himself when he is wrongly accused of threatening the temple, Jesus responds with silence (v. 63). What is your default response when wrongly accused? How could you model Jesus' response in these situations?
3. When Jesus is asked if he is the messiah, he chooses to respond rather than stay silent (v. 64). Why does Jesus chose to answer this question when he stayed silent before? What does Jesus' response reveal about his identity?
4. How does Jesus reflect the suffering servant of Isaiah 53 throughout this trial?