

# Scripture this week:

## Mark 14:53-65

<sup>53</sup> And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. <sup>54</sup> 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. <sup>55</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. <sup>56</sup> For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. <sup>57</sup> And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, <sup>58</sup> "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.'" <sup>59</sup> Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup> 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?" <sup>61</sup> But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" <sup>62</sup> 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." <sup>63</sup> And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? <sup>64</sup> You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup> And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophesy!" And the guards received him with blows.

## Only Half the Picture

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In the least likely of moments, the Savior finally declares He is the Savior.

- **Not a moment of power**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **But a powerful moment**

## *Life Group Questions:*

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## **Notes:**

1. What details does Mark give to paint a picture of the trial of Jesus? What is the overall feeling he is trying to evoke by doing this?
2. How have the religious leaders typically engaged Jesus up to this point? How does that compare to the high priest's question to Jesus in v. 61?
3. What makes Jesus' answer in v. 62 significant compared to the rest of Mark's narrative when He has been asked questions? How does the context of His declaration further emphasize the change that is happening?
4. What is Jesus pointing to with His reference of Daniel 7:13 and Psalm 110:1 when responding to the high priest?
5. How would most people expect a "king" to respond in the midst of a challenge like this? How does that impact your view of a "Christ-like" way to act?
6. If you put yourself in the shoes of the disciples during this moment (the arrest and trial), can you relate? How so?
7. How do you feel when God doesn't appear to be offering the expected path, or any path, for challenges in your life? How can we, as a Life Group, help each other prepare for these moments?