

MOOREBANK – HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION

Matthew 26:57-75 – Trial Differences

Read Matthew 26:57-75.

1. What questions do you have about this passage? What does not make sense? What is surprising?
2. **Read Isaiah 53.** What parallels do you see between Jesus' trial and the prophecy in Isaiah? Do you think Jesus is intentionally enacting the story of Isaiah 53?
3. Verse 58 says Peter followed Jesus to see the end. What end did he intend to see? From Isaiah 53, what end should Peter have expected to see?
4. The accusation in v. 61 probably comes from Jesus' comments in John 2:18-22. What is it that the Jews did not understand? What does this prophecy tell us about the events currently taking place?
5. **Read Psalm 110:1-2 Daniel 7:13-14.** Verse 64 is a combination of these two verses. What is Jesus' saying about himself? Do we treat Jesus like this is true?
6. Jesus tells them that they will see these events taking place soon. When will this occur?
7. The mockery in verse 68 hints at the reasons why the Jews want to kill Jesus. What are the two claims Jesus made that they believed to be false? Why do you think this is?
8. This passage shows us two trials: that of Jesus but also of Peter. What is interesting is that Jesus is put under oath and so tells the truth (v.63) whilst Peter chooses to put himself under oath to lie (vv.72, 74). What does this tell us about Jesus' mission? What does this tell us about Peter?
9. Why do you think Peter denied Jesus three times? What might tempt us to do likewise? What are the implications of Peter's failure for attempts to try and contribute to our own salvation?
10. **Read Matthew 10:16-20.** What should Peter have done / said in this situation?
11. Think about your own life. How are you going at testifying about Jesus? In what situations do we find this difficult and why?
12. Ultimately this passage is about Jesus dying on behalf of us and for our sins. Our following him can only be by faith and never by works. In what ways do we struggle to believe this or fail to live it out?