

Where's Your Chair?

Mark 14 53-65



Blessed be the Lord!

For he has shown me his steadfast love when I was as a city besieged.

Psalm 31:21

Praising:

The cross it takes our guilt away;
it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy
day,
and sweetens every bitter cup.

Reading:

Mark 14:53-65
Jesus before the high priest

The priests and the elders haven't done their homework. They haven't taken the trouble to get their stories straight. Right up to the point where the high priest asks Jesus to speak for himself directly, they haven't got a single charge to stick. Which naturally made them all the angrier and all the more infuriated, especially since this was the showdown they had been waiting for. It also makes Jesus' words when he does speak extremely revealing.

Essentially the high priest asks him 'who are you?' Jesus has no choice but to confirm his divine identity and by doing so he condemns himself. But even if he didn't like Jesus' answer, the high priest had got the question right. For anyone taking the historical figure of Christ seriously, the question will always be: is he divine or isn't he?

Listening:

Praying:

Lord equip your Church

- to ask the spiritual questions people are asking and to offer cogent, coherent answers
- to journey in love with those exploring truth, faith, worship and scripture
- to make the case for Christ in a credible, compelling way to each new generation

Father: bring me back to Christ again and again, to who he is as your Son, to what he has done as the Saviour, and to what he offers all those who respond to him in trust and love. Amen

Doing:

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