

Questions for Matthew 26:57-75

1. What commandments did the chief priests and elders break in order to convict Jesus? What was the story that two witnesses finally agreed upon? Why didn't any of the chief priests or elders realize the massive hypocrisy that they were committing? (Verses 57-62)

2. Why might Jesus have responded only when he was put under oath to do so, after having remained silent for the rest of the trial? (Verses 63-64)

3. What was Jesus telling the High Priest to look for? Could this statement have been pointing towards the destruction of Jerusalem, final judgement, or something else? (Verse 64)

4. Why did they treat Jesus like this? Is this indicative of how they always felt about him? Did the Law of Moses allow them to treat prisoners this way? (Verses 65-68)

5. Why might've Peter followed along after having forsaken the Lord? What were some of the things that gave him away that He had been with Jesus? What does it mean that Peter "cursed and swore"? (Verses 69-75)

6. How did Peter deduce that denying Jesus could've benefitted him in that moment? Did Peter have true repentance? (Verses 69-75)