

To See The End

Matthew 26:57-75

Intro:

- A. **Jesus had told His disciples exactly what would happen to Him.**
 - 1. 16:21 - "Jerusalem, suffer, and be killed"
 - 2. 20:17-19 - betrayed, condemn, mock, scourge, crucify

 - B. **There were only a few who believed Him.**
 - 1. 26:12-13 - "...she did it for my burial."
 - 2. Peter argued with Him. "this shall not be" - 16:22
 - 3. Peter defended Him. "struck a servant...of the high priest and cut off his ear." - 26:51

 - C. **They all forsook Him. 26:56**
 - 1. John the beloved came to the cross. John 19:25-27
 - 2. They all did what Jesus said they would do.
 - 3. It was prophesied, "Smite the shepherd..." - 25:31

 - D. **They thought this was the end. "Sat with the servants"**
 - 1. This is what Peter thought. "To see the end" **v.58**
 - 2. end = τέλος = "the fulfillment or completion of anything."
 - 3. He sat there to see the end.
 - 4. How often do we see something and believe that we are witnessing its end but in reality it is the beginning. This is true of Christ's suffering.
- I. Jesus Before Caiaphas, The High Priest.

- A. **The assembly of the Jews. V.57**
 - 1. assembly = συναγω = "to bring together"
 - 2. They sought false witnesses. **V.59**
 - 3. They meant to put Him to death.
 - 4. It was a conspiracy.
 - 5. They ultimately found two. **v.60**

6. Their accusation. **V.61**
7. John 2:18-22, Matthew 27:39-40

B. Jesus answers His persecutors.

1. "Answerest thou nothing?" **v.62**
2. adjure = εξορκίζω = "to cause to swear" "to lay under the obligation of an oath"
3. "Whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God."
v.63
4. "Thou hast said"

C. The two things His enemies would see.

1. "...shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power..." **v.64**
2. "...coming in the clouds of heaven."

III. The High Priest, The Council And The Jews.

A. The High Priest.

1. He rent his clothes. **V.65**
2. He accused Jesus of blasphemy.
3. "...what think ye...?"

B. The council.

1. "He is guilty of death." **V.66**
2. "...they spit in his face..." **v.67**
3. "...buffeted him" = κολαφίζω = "to strike with the hands, the fingers being clinched."
4. "and others smote him with the palms of their hands." = ραπίζω = "to strike with a club," "to strike in the face with the open hand."
5. "...Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?" **v.68**

IV. Peter Denies Jesus.

A. The accusation, #1, in the palace.

1. "a damsel came unto him..." **v.69**
2. "Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee."

B. The denial #1.

1. "he denied before them all..." **bv.70**
2. denied = αρνησομαι = "to disown," "to say no," "refuse", "decline."
3. "I know not what thou sayest"

C. Accusation #2 on the porch.

1. "And when he was gone out into the porch..."
v.71
2. "this fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth."

D. His denial #2 on the porch.

1. "Again he denied with an oath." **v.72**
2. oath = ορκος = "the object by which one swears," "the witness of an oath."
3. "I do not know the man."
4. know = οίδα = "I don't have a passing acquaintance with him."

E. Accusation #3.

1. "...after awhile, they that stood by..." **v.73**
2. "...surely thou also art one of them"
3. "...for thy speech bewrayeth thee."
4. speech = λαλια = "the mere act of speaking," "talk" "brogue" southern accent
5. bewrayeth = ποιεω = "to make," "to do" + δηλος = "visible," "clear," "manifest," "evident."

F. Denial #3

1. "...then began he to curse and to swear..." **v.74**
2. curse = καταναθεματιζω = "to utter curses against," "to declare one to be accursed"
3. swear = ομνυμι = "promise with an oath" "to declare with an oath."
4. "...I know not the man."

V. Peter Remembers.

A. "and immediately the cock crew." v.74b

1. immediately = ευθους = "directly"
2. This indeed was three strikes and you are out.

B. Peter remembered.

1. He remembered what Jesus said at eh supper.
v.75
2. "...he went out and wept bitterly."