

SERMON SERIES: MARKAN SANDWICHES

TWO TRIALS: THE SAVIOR AND THE SERVANT

Mark 14:53-72

- Parallel Passages -

- Caiaphas Questions Jesus (Matt 26:57-68)
- Peter Denies Knowing Jesus (Matt 26:69-75; Luke 22:54-65; John 18:25-27)

INTRODUCTION:

When our loyalty to God is put on trial by the world, Jesus stands as our Courageous Role Model for Truth and our Merciful Stronghold in Failure.

In this Markan Sandwich, we will ponder on three aspects of Two Trials: the Savior and the Servant:

- I. PETER ENTERS THE SCENE (vv. 53-54) – The Top Slice
 - A. Jesus is Led Away to the High Priest – Caiaphas (v. 53)
 - B. Following from “Afar Off” – From a Distance (v. 54a)
 - C. Warming at the Wrong Fire (v. 54b; Exod 23:2; Rom 16:17; 1 Thess 5:22)
- II. THE UNJUST TRIAL OF THE SAVIOR (vv. 55-65) – The Meat/Filling
 - A. The Chaos of the False Testimony (vv. 55-59; Exod 20:16)
 - B. The Silence and the Supreme Claim (vv. 60-62).
 - C. The Verdict of Condemnation and Mockery (vv. 63-65; John 15:18-20; 2 Tim 3:12)
- III. THE DENIAL OF THE SERVANT (vv. 66-72) – The Bottom Slice
 - A. The Confrontation by the Weak (vv. 66-69)
 - B. The Escalating Cycle of Denial (vv. 70-71)
 - C. The Awakening of Conviction (v. 72; Mark 14:29-30; John 21:15-19)

CONCLUSION:

A. Driving the Wrong Way

The Wrong Turn: Imagine driving down a highway, realizing you missed your exit, and heading completely in the wrong direction. The further you drive, the further away you get from your true destination.

The Navigation System: Your GPS doesn't yell at you or shut down. It simply recalculates and looks for the next legal, safe place for you to turn around.

The U-Turn: In life, sin is driving you the wrong way. Repentance is hitting the brakes, turning the steering wheel, and heading back toward God. No matter how many miles you have traveled in the wrong direction, God's grace always provides an intersection, an exit, where you can turn around and get back on the right path.

B. I Am Not Ashamed to Own My Lord

C. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).