

# Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES - Matthew 26:57-68, 27:1-2, 11-26

**26:57** Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. **58** And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. **59** Now the chief priests and the whole council[h] were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, **60** but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward **61** and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" **62** And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?"[i] **63** But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." **64** Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." **65** Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. **66** What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." **67** Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, **68** saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

**27:1** When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. **2** And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.

Other Passages: Isaiah 53:7, Prov. 26:4, Psa. 110:1, Dan. 7:13-14, Lev. 24:16, Psa. 88:6, 8, 18, Mt. 20:28, Isa 53:5, 2 Cor. 5:21, 1 Pet 3:18, Jn. 18:28, Lk. 23:2, Jn. 18:31, Lk. 23:13-15, Rom. 14:10, 2 Cor. 5:10

**Connect:**

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

**Care:**

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

**Challenge:**

1. What do you do with Jesus? What will you make of him?
2. What can you learn from Jesus before the Sanhedrien (Mt. 26:57-68)?
3. Have you paused and considered the loneliness of Jesus in the pit that night he was betrayed? How does it make you feel knowing your savior can relate to feeling alone.
4. Have you ever acted like Pilate? Trying to save your own reputation and get out from having to make a judgment about Jesus?
5. Going back to the first question, does your life testify to how you answered? How can align your life to testify to what you believe?

**Clarify:**

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

**Celebrate:**

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS**