

## Outline

Text: Mark 14:53-65

Theme: “Trying Circumstances”

I. Jesus' Trial Before the High Priest: A Look at Weak and Strong Character, 14:53-65

- 1 Jesus was led before the High Priest the Sanhedrin (v.53)
- 2 The confused, yet courageous Peter: He alone followed Jesus (v.54)
- 3 The disturbed religionists: They sought testimony against Jesus (v.55-59)
  - a. The witnesses were false (v.56)
  - b. The witnesses did not agree (v.57)
  - c. The final charge was formulated (v.58)
  - d. The final witnesses did not even agree (v.59)
- 4 The calm Lord: He stood silent before men, but assured before God (v.60-61)
- 5 The strong Lord: He claimed to be the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed (v.62)
- 6 The frenzied mob of religionists: They got their satisfaction—the death of their disturber (v.63-65)
  - a. The true character of the High Priest (v.63-64)
  - b. The true character of men (v.65)