

Confidence on Display

Jesus trusts _____ when placed on trial.

- He submits to a court that wants to _____
- He refuses to answer _____
- He confesses that _____

Peter trusts _____ when placed on trial.

- He refuses to _____
- He fulfills _____
- He regrets _____

Personal observations from the message.

1. How would you summarize what you learned in a sentence or two?
2. What point or verse did you find most helpful? Why?
3. What is a question you have?

Discussion questions from the message.

1. What are examples of courage and confidence from history? From your own experience? What seems to have given these people the strength they needed to do what was required? What often keeps people from acting with courage and confidence?
2. Read Mark 14:53-61. Who is Jesus brought before? Why is the makeup of this group significant? (see 8:31;10:33-34)

What does verse 55 teach us about the impartiality of this court? What do they have backwards? What is the problem with their witnesses? Why is this a problem? (see Deuteronomy 19:15-21 – what should happen to the false witnesses according to this passage?)

What is Jesus' response to the false allegations? Why is he silent?

3. Read Mark 14:61-65. Why do you suppose Jesus answers the direct question from the high priest? How does Jesus answer the high priest? Why is the high priest and the court so outraged? What do they fail to consider? What decision do they make?
4. Look back to Matthew 14:36. What does this teach us about why Jesus is submitting himself to the false accusations and mistreatment? Where is his confidence? What does this confidence allow Him to do?
5. Read Mark 14:66-72. What does Peter's response to the questions tell us about where he has placed his confidence?

How do Peter's actions reflect ours? Consider several questions together: When are you tempted to trust your own wisdom? When is it difficult for you to identify with Jesus? What might identifying with Jesus cost you? How can we stand strong when standing for Jesus becomes costly? What is the value of walking together with others during these kinds of times?

6. What was Peter's response when the rooster crowed for the second time? When was the last time you grieved over your sin? What should be our response when we recognize we have failed to trust the Lord?