

PREACHING CURRICULUM

The Drama of Deception

Mark 14:53-65

When Jesus is rejected, things go bad in a hurry

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read Mark 14:53-65. From a human perspective, how qualified should Jesus' opponents have been to carry out a fair trial?

What signs do you see in this text of the incompetence, moral corruption and hypocrisy of the religious leaders?

Reread Mark 14:61-64. What was Jesus claiming about Himself in verse 62? Why did the high priest and the whole council consider Jesus' words to be blasphemous?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Do you agree that believing in Jesus brings clarity of mind and moral stability to one's life?

What happens to people when they reject Jesus? Do you agree that rejecting or diminishing

Him results in intellectual confusion, deception, and moral corruption?

How might you be diminishing Jesus in your own life?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

When people reject Jesus, does that actually diminish His power and authority in any way?

Why does Jesus rightly deserve the highest place of authority in our lives?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

Let Jesus rule you, guide you, and tell you the truth about yourself.

Only under His loving rule will you experience clarity and avoid the drama of deception