QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you falsely accused by another person. How did you respond to the accusation?

2. Can a person give the facts about a situation and still bear false witness?

3. Read the following verses and note what the Bible says about false accusations:

   a) Exodus 20:16
   b) Exodus 23:1
   c) Leviticus 19:15-16
   d) Psalm 15:1-3
   e) Proverbs 19:9
   f) Matthew 5:11
   g) I Peter 3:16

4. Why was Jesus silent before His accusers? What can we learn from the example of Jesus?

5. What one practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your choice with someone.*)
   - ☐ I am going to pray for someone who has falsely accused me. (Matthew 5:44-45)
   - ☐ I am going to ask forgiveness of someone I have mistreated or falsely accused.
   - ☐ I am going to memorize Matthew 5:11.

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Matthew 26:57-68
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Study Series # 109

Jesus Christ on Trial

I. Introduction

A. Jewish Justice

(See Deuteronomy 16:18-20; Deuteronomy 27:19)

B. The Sanhedrin

(See Matthew 26:59; Mark 14:55; Luke 22:66; Acts 22:5; Matthew 5:22; Matthew 10:17; Mark 13:9)

Sanhedrin [*sunedrion*] – "to sit together"

C. The Various Trials

Trial / Type	Scripture	Judge	Decision
First / Jewish	*John 18:12-14*	Anna	Guilty
Second / Jewish	*Matt 26:57-68*	Caiaphas	Guilty
Third / Jewish	*Matthew 27:1-2*	Sanhedrin	Guilty
Fourth / Roman	*John 18:28-38*	Pilate	Not guilty
Fifth / Roman	*Luke 23:6-12*	Herod	Not guilty
Sixth / Roman	*Jn 18:39; 19:6*	Pilate	Not guilty

II. The Trial of Jesus

A. Jesus is Taken to Caiaphas

(See Matthew 26:57; Mark 14:53; Luke 22:54; John 18:12-14; John 18:19-23; Numbers 35:25-28; Joshua 20:6; John 2:13-22; Matthew 21:10-19; Mark 11:12-18; Luke 19:45-58)

Annas – high priest (6 – 15 A.D.)
[Eleazar] – high priest (16 – 17 A.D.)
Caiaphas – high priest (18 – 36 A.D.)

B. Peter Follows Jesus

(See Matthew 26:58; Mark 14:51-52; Luke 22:54-55; John 18:15-17)

C. The False Witnesses

(See Matthew 26:59-61; Mark 14:55-62; Mark 14:59; Numbers 35:30; Deuteronomy 19:16-19; Deut 17:7; John 8:7; Matthew 26:60-61; John 2:19; Exodus 20:16)

D. Jesus Answers the High Priest

(See Matthew 26:62-64; Mark 14:61-62; John 18:19-23; Isaiah 53:7; Leviticus 5:1; Psalm 110:1; Daniel 7:13-14)

E. Jesus is Sentenced to Death

(See Matthew 26:65-66; Mark 14:63-64)

F. Jesus is Mistreated

(See Matthew 26:67-68; Mark 14:65; Luke 22:63-65; Isaiah 50:6)

III. Conclusion

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

Passage of Study
Matthew 26:57-68

57 Those who had seized Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas, the high
priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together.
58 But Peter was following Him at a distance as far as the courtyard
of the high priest, and entered in, and sat down with the officers to
see the outcome.
59 Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to
obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to
death. **60** They did not find *any*, even though many false witnesses
came forward. But later on two came forward, **61** and said, "This
man stated, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild
it in three days.'"
62 The high priest stood up and said to Him, "Do You not answer?
What is it that these men are testifying against You?" **63** But Jesus
kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the
living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of
God." **64** Jesus said to him, "You have said it *yourself*; nevertheless
I tell you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting 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
blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold,
you have now heard the blasphemy; **66** what do you think?" They
answered, "He deserves death!"
67 Then they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and
others slapped Him, **68** and said, "Prophesy to us, You Christ; who
is the one who hit You?"

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