

MARK

CHAPTER 14:53-72

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TITLE:

“Christ, the Solid Rock”

THEME:

Mark 14:61

“Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?”

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What something might appear to be, may be the very opposite.

Mark's Gospel is very unique as *it records more of the miracles than any of the four Gospel accounts, But least of the words of Jesus. His purpose was to present to the church at Rome, a comforting account of the...*

The God who serves and now who suffers

Mark gives us an eyewitness *contrast between two key points;*

- 1 *the failure of men, personified in (Peter)*
- 2 *and the victory of God, personified in (Jesus)*

Where going to COURT this morning;

By the Way..

The Events which you are about see are true.

And NO names were changed to protect the innocent

Verse 53 Insights from the Jewish Mishnah

The assembly would be the 71-member, Jewish Supreme Court called the Sanhedrin. Presiding was Joseph Caiaphas, High Priest. As they were seated in a semi-circle.

- **Night court was illegal**
- **No rulings could be final until all evidence was given 24 hours for reconsiderations.**
- **Court was not to be held during Jewish Holy Days.**
- **The testimonies of at least two witnesses had to be exact and in writing.**

Verse 54

At this point Mark must have asked Peter
“Where were you at this time?”

Verse 55-56

They sought testimony. Frantically they searched
The Noise from the City on That Infamous Night

It's hard to lie in concert;

(in counseling all comes to light)

Verse 57-58

That's True! Jesus did say that 2 years earlier
But He spoke this referring to His resurrection

(They stated the true words, but misrepresented there meaning
God calls that laying)

Jesus hadn't uttered a word, and He was winning the case.

Verse 60-61a

"But He kept silent and answered nothing"

Matthew 26:63 Tells Us;

But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!"

The Two Part Question

Verse 61

<i>Are you</i>	The Christ?	<i>The revealed Messiah</i>
<i>Are you</i>	The Son of the Blessed?	<i>God manifested</i>

The One Part Answer

Verse 62

"I AM "

A confession under oath;

Just as their mouths dropped in surprised pleasure, for the evidence was now present to kill Him, **for He confessed that he was both Messiah and God.**

Both Messiah & God

Isaiah 44:6

"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: ***I am*** the First and ***I am*** the Last; besides Me there is no God.

Isaiah 41:4

Who has performed and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD, am the first; ***and with*** the last ***I am*** He.

Titus 2:13

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of ***the great God and Savior Jesus Christ***;

Verse 62 (cont.)

A terrible warning;

Alluding to three Old Testament Messianic passages;

Isaiah 52:8b NIV

...When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.

Daniel 7:13-14

"I was watching in the night vision, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came into the presence of the Ancient of Days... (a judicial scene) and they brought Him near before Him. ¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.

Zechariah 12:10b

"...then they will look on Me whom they have pierced;

You judge me.

The truth of the matter is,

IN THE FUTURE, I WILL JUDGE YOU

Verse 63-65

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symbolically,

Levitical (Legalism) Priesthood is here terminated in the act.

A NEW ORDER OF PREISTHOOD BRGINS

Melchizedek

Leviticus 21:10

He who is the high priest among his brethren, ...shall not uncover his head
nor tear his clothes;

Verse 65

Spit, A Jewish gesture of hate & contempt.

Blindfolding Him

(This produces an added torture)

our involuntary reflex system

Beat, with a Rod across the face & skull

Struck *GRK ballo (bal'-lo)*
to thrust, an intense strike, fingers clinched,
palm open (the worst)

Luke 22:53

this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

The Brutality Begins

Isaiah 50:6

***I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard;
I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.***

Remember Reginal Dennie's Face !!

Isaiah 52:14

Just as many were astonished at *HIM*, so His visage was *marred* more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men;

Marred: **HEB** *mishchath (mish-khawth')*
To dismantle, gross disfigurement beyond recognition

Isaiah 53:3

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we
hid as it were our faces from Him;
He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

Christ Jesus is our Prototype;

1 Peter 2:21-23

Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ²² "Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth"; ²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

Jesus, The Rock

John 7:37-38

..."If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. (THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST):38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

Luke 20:17-18 KJV

The ROCK which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner? :18
Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

II.) Peter: The Soiled Rock vv. 66-72

Earlier, Jesus had said of Peter,

Matthew 16:18

"...I say to you that you are Peter [*Petros* / Rock] and on this rock
[*petra* / truth stated] I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Verse 68

According to the city ordinance of Jerusalem

no hens or roosters were allowed inside the holy city because they were considered to be unclean because of their droppings.

Cock-a-Do-on-You

Peter stepped right into it (sin)

“I just fell into sin - NOT, you step in to it“

James 1:14-15

But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

Romans 13:12-14

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Verse 71-72

according to verse 66,

_____ **Jesus looked down upon peter** _____

Luke 22:61

And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

Being on the porch, from there, Jesus and peter were face to face

Peter would have then looked at Jesus for the first time since the arrest.

- *His face now grossly disfigured,*
- His skull exposed in parts,
- His eyes possibly swollen, • *fragments of hair remain of what once was His beard*

(After His resurrection his friends had a hard recognizing His face because of the scares.)

Revelation 5:6

**And I beheld, and, in the midst of the throne
...stood a Lamb as it had been slain...**

And we know that when Jesus returns to earth

Zechariah 13:6 KJV

And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

What made one **ROCK** to stand,
made the other rock stumble.

Peter had a terrible disadvantage because he was one of those guys who always knew the answer, always had something to say even if he had no idea what to say. He was independent!!!

Jesus submitted His confidence to the power of God to see Him through. Never wasting a word, efficient, all powerful...

2 Corinthians 12:9

And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

You could see the road sign ahead

**WATCH OUT
FOR
FALLING
ROCK**

Peter the Rock falls down and becomes
Simon the Putty

The Steps to Defeat

#1 Confident in His flesh (I'll never leave you...)

**“blessed is the man who tooteth his own horn,
for if he doesn't. No one else shall”**

The frog, two duck's and farmer brown's pond
and how the frog said “I DID, I DID, I DID, I DID”

#2 Prayerless...

(Men ought always to pray and not to faint)

#3 Peter followed Jesus afar off...

(You cannot be a long distance Christian or a spectator Christian)

#4 He warmed himself...

(*In the camp* of the enemy. playing in the world)

**If, this morning you are a true believer, and you're warming yourself by the
enemy's fire... eventually, your speech will betray you!**

NOTE the compliments...

√ You also were with Jesus

√ This is one of them

√ Surely you are one of them; for your speech shows it

√ You will not fit in

Someone asked Hudson Taylor;

“How is it that the God of heaven has used you so?”

“He trains others to be quiet enough, and some to be still enough, and some, small enough. But me He uses because I am weak enough.”

Vance Havner said;

*“ The Lord had the strength, and I had the weakness,
so we decided to team up together!”*

2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

How do we reconcile the truth before us?

Peter had earlier announced;

*“thou art the Christ - the Son of the living God
“I do not know this man of whom you speak”*

Jesus said;

Matthew 10:32-33 KJV

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. ³³ But whosoever shall **deny** me before men, him will I also **deny** before my Father which is in heaven.

Jesus also said;

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Matthew 12:31-32

“ every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. ³² *“Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.*

(Q: What is the Holy Spirit saying... ?)

The Rejectors

Isaiah 28:15

We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement;

III.) Church: *Standing* on the Rock *vv. 62*

1 Corinthians 10:11-12

Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

Jude 1:24 KJV

Now unto ***him that is able to keep you*** from falling,
and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

1 Peter 1:5a

We who are ***kept by the power of God*** through faith...

Remember the old saying:

“If you arrested for being a Christian, would they find enough evidence to convict you?”