

Trial & Denial of Jesus

Luke 22:53-71

- 1) Christ, the Giver of life, was arrested and killed for *our* sins
- 2) The majority of the world continues to reject Jesus
 - a) Based on false assumptions, lies, jealousy, desire to rule
 - b) We think we know better than Jesus (like Judas)
 - c) We are angry at life or at God (like Annas)
 - i) Like skeptics & atheists, some just hate Jesus
 - ii) Some preachers hate Him enough to dumb Him down
 - d) We love money, fame, possessions
 - e) We are proud yet ignorant (like Caiaphas)
 - f) We are overconfident yet fearful (like Peter)
 - i) Contradictory, prayer-less, compromising
 - ii) Ready for a Roman soldier but not a little girl
 - iii) In the wrong place, wrong time
 - iv) Cowardice contrasts Jesus' boldness ("I am" vs. "I am not")
 - v) More brave w/Jesus than when alone (contrast Acts 2-12)
 - vi) Guilty before Jesus yet still forgiven!
- 3) As Jesus was declared guilty, He declares believers righteous by faith
- 4) Where do YOU fit into the elaborate scheme for or against Jesus?
 - a) Accept Jesus for who He is in all matters where He's revealed himself
 - b) Be as bold as Jesus was when confronted with who you are
 - c) Have you been ashamed of Jesus? *He forgives and restores.*

