

palm sunday

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What Will You Do With Jesus?

Matthew 26:57-68

March 29, 2026

Discussion Questions

1. As you read verses 57-63, what irregularities or injustices do you notice in how Jesus is treated compared to a fair trial?
2. What is the significance of His silence in verses 62-63, and why does He finally answer in verse 64? What does this reveal about His identity and mission?
3. What exactly is Jesus claiming in verse 64? When Jesus says they will see the Son of Man "seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven," what Old Testament imagery is He drawing from and why does this provoke the charge of blasphemy?
4. Caiaphas and the council were confident in their power, position, and religious system - how are we tempted to do the same today?
5. When misunderstood, attacked, or treated unfairly, what can we learn from Jesus' restraint, timing, and trust in the Father?
6. If Jesus is truly the exalted Son of Man who will judge all people, how should that reshape your trust in Him today; and your willingness to follow Him publicly (even when it costs you)?