

Mark 14:43-15:15

43 While He was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, suddenly arrived. With him was a mob, with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. 44 His betrayer had given them a signal. "The one I kiss," he said, "He's the One; arrest Him and take Him away under guard." 45 So when he came, immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed Him. 46 They took hold of Him and arrested Him. 47 One of those who stood by drew his sword, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. 48 Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs, as if I were a criminal, to capture Me? 49 Every day I was among you, teaching in the temple, and you didn't arrest Me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled." 50 Then they all deserted Him and ran away. 51 Now a certain young man, wearing nothing but a linen cloth, was following Him. They caught hold of him, 52 but he left the linen cloth behind and ran away naked.

53 They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes assembled. 54 Peter followed Him at a distance, right into the high priest's courtyard. He was sitting with the servants, warming himself by the fire.

55 The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but they could not find any. 56 For many were giving false testimony against Him, and the testimonies did not agree. 57 Some stood up and gave false testimony against Him, stating, 58 "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with human hands, and in three days I will build another not made by hands.'" 59 Yet their testimony did not agree even on this. 60 Then the high priest stood up before them all and questioned Jesus, "Don't You have an answer to what these men are testifying against You?" 61 But He kept silent and did not answer. Again the high priest questioned Him, "Are You the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" 62 "I am," said Jesus, "and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming with the clouds of heaven." 63 Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? 64 You have heard the blasphemy. What is your decision?" They all condemned Him as deserving death. 65 Then some began to spit on Him, to blindfold Him, and to beat Him, saying, "Prophecy!" The temple servants also took Him and slapped Him.

66 While Peter was in the courtyard below, one of the high priest's maidservants came. 67 When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the Man from Nazareth." 68 But he denied it: "I don't know or understand what you're talking about." Then he went out to the entryway, and a rooster crowed. 69 When the maidservant saw him again, she began to tell those standing nearby, "This man is one of them." 70 But again he denied it. After a little while those standing there said to Peter again, "You certainly are one of them, since you're also a Galilean." 71 Then he started to curse and swear, "I don't know this Man you're talking about!" 72 Immediately a rooster crowed a second time, and Peter remembered when Jesus had spoken the word to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And he broke down and wept.

15:1 As soon as it was morning, having held a meeting with the elders, scribes, and the whole Sanhedrin, the chief priests tied Jesus up, led Him away, and handed Him over to Pilate. 2 So Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." 3 And the chief priests accused Him of many things. 4 Pilate questioned Him again, "Aren't You going to answer? Look how many things they are accusing You of!" 5 But Jesus still did not answer, and so Pilate was amazed.

6 At the festival Pilate used to release for the people a prisoner whom they requested. 7 There was one named Barabbas, who was in prison with rebels who had committed murder during the rebellion. 8 The crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do for them as was his custom. 9 Pilate answered them, "Do you want me to release the King of the Jews for you?" 10 For he knew it was because of envy that the chief priests had handed Him over. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd so that he would release Barabbas to them instead. 12 Pilate asked them again, "Then what do you want me to do with the One you call the King of the Jews?" 13 Again they shouted, "Crucify Him!" 14 Pilate said to them, "Why? What has He done wrong?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify Him!" 15 Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them; and after having Jesus flogged, he handed Him over to be crucified.