

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — March 19, 2023

Sermon Notes

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Jesus is Unjustly Convicted, [vv. 65-68](#)

Peter is “Tried” & Denies Jesus, [vv. 69-74](#)

Peter is Justly Convicted, [v. 75](#)

Where was Jesus taken for a trial/hearing before the High Priest and the Sanhedrin?

What time of day did this trial take place? Was this a typical place and time for such a hearing?

Where was Peter during this trial? He was a bold person. Does he appear bold or cowardly there and then?

Why might Peter (and John) have gotten access to the place of the trial? ([John 18:15-16](#))

The high priest interrogates Jesus. Who is it that interrogates Peter? How would that person know that Peter was with Jesus?

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Multiple false witnesses contradicted each other. Why was the trial not ended then and the false witnesses tried?

What did one witness finally come forward with a statement that was similar to what Jesus said earlier that was what the Sanhedrin was looking for? ([John 2:18-21](#))

What was the penalty for this accusation if proven true?

What was Jesus' response to the accusation? ([Daniel 7:13-14](#); [Psalm 110:1](#); [Acts 7:55-56](#); [Revelation 1:7](#))

Would the high priest understand the claim Jesus was making? ([Leviticus 21:10](#))

Was Peter's answer to the first servant girl an open and direct denial?

Was Peter's answer to the second servant's girl and those gathered outside a direct denial? With what did he add to guarantee his word?

A little later, what gave Peter away as probably one who had been with Jesus?

What did Peter invoke in this third and final denial?

What happened immediately after? ([Luke 22:61](#); [Matthew 26:74](#))

What did Peter then do? ([Matthew 26:75](#); [Hebrews 4:15-16](#))

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