Palmetto Baptist Church – March 1, 2015 **Guilty until Proven Innocent** – Matthew 26:57-68

Inside the Text:

- I. The Perversion of the Religious Leaders.
 - A. They disregarded absolute truth. (57-61)
 - B. They faked personal holiness. (62-66)
 - C. They insulted Jesus. (67-68)

II. The Preoccupation of Peter. (58)

- A. He was compelled. (Matthew 26:56)
- B. He was cautious. (Matthew 26:58a)
- C. He was curious. (Matthew 26:58b)

III. The Perfection of Jesus.

- A. He was submissive. (57)
- B. He was spotless. (59-61)
- C. He was silent. (62)
- D. He was secure. (64)

Apply the Text:

- Evaluate your heart. (Compared to the Perversion of the Religious Leaders)
- Guard your heart. (Compared to the Preoccupation of Peter)
- Give your heart. (Compared to the Perfection of Jesus)