

Mark 14:53-15:15
We Despise God's Voice
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Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

- A. Jesus is What God Looks Like (Heb. 1:3)
- B. What does the Trial of Jesus Reveal?

Key Idea

Putting Jesus on trial vividly illustrates the contempt we have for God.

II. The Jewish Council

- A. Seeking Testimony?

Mark 14:55-56

Now *the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none.* ⁵⁶ For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree.

(Cf. John 11:53)

- B. The Charge

Mark 14:61b-65

Again the high priest asked him, “*Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?*” (Cf. Matthew 26:63) ⁶² And Jesus said, “***I am,** and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.*” (Cf. Daniel 7:13–14) ⁶³ And the high priest tore his garments and said, “*What further witnesses do we need?*” ⁶⁴ You have heard his **blasphemy.** (Cf. Leviticus 24:16) What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵ And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophesy!” And the guards received him with blows.

- C. They Have Never Heard God's Voice

Matthew 15:7–9

⁷ You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: ⁸ ““This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; ⁹ in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.””

John 5:30–47

³⁰ “I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³¹ If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not deemed true. ³² There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. ³³ You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. ³⁴ *Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved.* ³⁵ He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. ³⁶ **But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me.** ³⁷ And the Father who sent me *has himself borne witness about me.* (Matthew 3:17; Luke 9:35) **His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen,** ³⁸ and you *do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent.* ³⁹ You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. ⁴¹ *I do not receive glory from people.* ⁴² **I know that you do not have the love of God within you.** ⁴³ I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not receive me. **If another comes in his own name, you will receive him**ⁱ. ⁴⁴ *How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?* ⁴⁵ Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one

who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. ⁴⁶ For if you believed **Moses**, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. ⁴⁷ But if **you do not believe his writings**, how will you believe my words?"

III. Pilate

John 18:33–39

³³ So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate answered, "*Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?*" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "*My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.*" ³⁷ Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "**You say that I am a king.** For this purpose *I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world*—to bear witness to the truth. **Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.**" ³⁸ Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "**I find no guilt in him.** ...

IV. Summary & Application

A. The Two Types of Rejections:

1. The Jews think God's self-revelation is wrong
2. Pilate thinks God's self-revelation is irrelevant

C. Other Implications:

1. **Understanding our sin:** We all trust our own opinion more than the voice of God

2. ***Understanding God's love:***
 - a. God's love for Us is **not** grounded on Our Loveliness
 - b. God's Love for Us **is** grounded in His Own Character! (Amazing Grace!)

3. ***Understanding evangelism/judgment:***

How we respond to God's self-revelation in Jesus is the central point

ⁱ "This prophecy was fulfilled over and over again. One false Messiah was Theudas; and another, Judas of Galilee (Acts 5:36, 37). Then came Barkochba (132–135 a.d.), whom such a distinguished rabbi as Akiba called *The Star of Jacob* (Num. 24:17). There have been several scores of others since their days. The last one will be the antichrist himself (II Thess. 2:8–10). All of these present themselves without proper credentials: they come 'in their own name.'" (Hendriksen, W., & Kistemaker, S. J. (1953-2001). *Vol. 1-2: New Testament commentary: Exposition of the Gospel According to John*. (Jn 5:43). Grand Rapids: Baker Book House.)