



## PETER'S PART

(14:66-72)

## THE POLITICAL PART

(15:1-15)

## THE PARTS OF JESUS WE NEED TO SEE

(Personal Application)

## FOR THOUGHT & TALK

In your small group take 5-10 minutes to review the main points of PJ's message. Discuss the following questions, taking your time as the Spirit leads, realizing you don't have to cover them all.

Imagine the unparalleled drama of being on trial for your life and the overwhelming set of emotions to be experienced as you, the defendant, are called to testify on the witness stand. All of this and more is what Jesus endured at His trial. Christ's arrest by a huge group of Roman soldiers and temple police in the middle of the night during a time of prayer was terrifying enough. But His trial was even more so. It was a complete travesty of justice. Those in charge of determining Jesus' guilt or innocence either hated Him so much that they had already plotted His execution (the Jewish religious leaders) or viewed Him as a potential societal disruption that needed to be quickly eliminated (Pontius Pilate). It had been predetermined that Christ must die before any trial began. To be sure, as we study the trial of Jesus, we see heartbreaking tragedy. And yet, we also see awe-inspiring triumph. Which is why our goal is not simply to learn what happened to Jesus at the trial. No, even more important, we want to see what the trial shows us about the absolute grandeur of our innocent Lord. This amazing truth stands firm: Jesus was willing to be falsely accused, framed in court, wrongly convicted and given the death penalty by people like us to save people like us.

## THE RELIGIOUS PART

(14:53-65)

1. Read aloud Mark 14:53-15:15. Let your imagination travel back to the scenes that Mark records as Peter describes them. If you had somehow gone undetected at Jesus' side and you were (in your own words) relating the account of what happened that night, how would you describe it? Identify the key people. Who were they & what were they like? Describe the raw emotions on display. What was this like for Jesus emotionally, relationally, physically?
2. Now that you've related what the experience was like, talk about Jesus Himself. How did Jesus handle such horrid injustice, denial and humiliation? As you picture all that He went through, what are your thoughts & feeling about the kind of man Jesus is ... the kind of God Jesus is?
3. Peter certainly let Jesus down. But then, we all have. Can you think of a time when you let your Lord down and would you share it? Don't go into all the gory details - just the broad strokes. Have you found that He has remained faithful to you even when you were not faithful to Him? What does the constant faithfulness of Jesus (despite your consistent failures) mean to you? How does it impact you and how is it shaping you?
4. Incredible Majesty. Incredible Patience. Incredible Love. These are the pictures from Jesus' trial that each of us must capture. How does each one of these attributes of Christ need to impact the way we look at Jesus and the life He calls us to lead this next week?