

Read Mark 14:60-65

60 Then the high priest stood up before the others and asked Jesus, “Well, aren’t you going to answer these charges? What do you have to say for yourself?”

61 But Jesus was silent and made no reply. Then the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

62 Jesus said, “I AM. And you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God’s right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

63 Then the high priest tore his clothing to show his horror and said, “Why do we need other witnesses?”

64 You have all heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?” “Guilty!” they all cried. “He deserves to die!”

65 Then some of them began to spit at him, and they blindfolded him and beat him with their fists. “Prophecy to us,” they jeered. And the guards slapped him as they took him away.

What did the high priest ask Jesus (v. 60)? Aren’t You going to answer the people who are accusing You? Speak up. **How did Jesus answer (v. 61)?** He didn’t answer. He remained silent.

Why didn’t Jesus defend Himself? His silence had been prophesied: Isaiah 53:7 “*He was oppressed and afflicted yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.*”

What did the high priest ask Jesus? Are You the Christ/the Messiah?

How did Jesus answer (v. 62)? He said Yes, I AM. And I will soon be sitting at the right hand of the throne of God and I will come back again someday.

How did the high priest respond (v. 63)? He tore his clothes.

Why did the high priest tear his clothes? He was mad/insulted. It was a sign of judgment against Jesus. It was like he was saying that Jesus was guilty of blasphemy.

What is blasphemy (v. 64)? Saying bad things or wrong things or lying about God.

What did the high priest ask the rest of the Jewish religious leaders (v. 64)? What do you think? Is He guilty of blasphemy?

How did they answer? They all said yes, He was guilty and they said He should die.

What did the Jewish religious leaders do next (v. 65)? They spit on Him, and beat Him and mocked Him. Even the guards beat Him.

What did Jesus do to deserve that kind of cruel treatment? Nothing. He was faithful and obedient to God. **Were you ever treated cruelly for something you didn’t deserve?**