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## Mark 14:53-65 — The Kangaroo Court

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“And they led Jesus away to the high priest; and with him were assembled all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes. But Peter followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he sat with the servants and warmed himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and all the council sought testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none. For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree. Then some rose up and bore false witness against Him, saying, "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.'" But not even then did their testimony agree. And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, "Do You answer nothing? What [is it] these men testify against You?" But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "What further need do we have of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?" And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death. Then some began to spit on Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him, and to say to Him, "Prophecy!" And the officers struck Him with the palms of their hands.

3.

*Jesus Tied and Tried* (v.[53-59](#))

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*The Kangaroo Court* (v.[55-59](#))

“A **kangaroo court** is a court that ignores recognized standards of law or justice, and often carries little or no official standing in the territory within which it resides. The term may also apply to a court held by a legitimate judicial authority who intentionally disregards the court's legal or ethical obligations. The defendants in such courts are often denied access to legal representation and in some cases, proper defence and the right of appeal.

Prejudicial bias of the decision-maker or from political decree are among the most publicized causes of kangaroo courts. Such proceedings are often held to give the appearance of a fair and just trial, even though the verdict was already decided before the trial actually began.”

5.

*The Kangaroo Court* (v.[55-59](#))

Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum “[Yeshua the life of Messiah](#)” notes 22 rules which come from Rabbinic sources and the Law of Moses that they broke — goes through how each one was broken — excellent study — Here a few:

- Rule 1: *There was to be no arrest by religious authorities that effected by a bribe.*
- Rule 2: *No steps of criminal proceedings were to occur after sunset.*
- Rule 3: *Judges or members of the Sanhedrin were not allowed to participate in an arrest.*
- Rule 11: *The high priest was forbidden to rend his garments.*
- Rule 12: *Judges could not initiate the charges; they could only investigate charges brought to them.*
- Rule 20: *Judges were to be humane and kind.*

6.

*While Jesus keeps silent — The high priest loses it* ([v.60-64](#))

7.

*The POINT of contention* ([v.61-62](#))

“Blessed” & “Power” were both commonly used in place of God’s name.

8.

*True colours shining through* ([v.63-65](#))