

Jesus at first met the questions of the high priest. Why was He silent? Are there times when it is best to answer nothing? What makes Jesus break the silence? He desires now that there shall be no doubt as to His real mission to earth. Point out the confidence of Jesus, even in this hour of seeming failure, that His cause and kingdom must prevail.

2. *The Verdict*, vs. 65-68. The high priest

sums up the case against Jesus. Emphasize the point of his argument, that no witnesses were needed, for Jesus had condemned Himself by speaking the truth. What is the verdict of the court? Have one of the scholars read John 1:11. What indignities were heaped upon Jesus as a condemned prisoner? Speak of the marvelous patience of Jesus. This was part of the suffering which He bore for us.

### THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

Refer to our Jerusalem map. Find the temple grounds in the southeastern part of the city and notice the V whose point rests there while its arms reach off southwestward across the Jewish quarter. To-day we will stand at the point of that V, facing southwest. The ground at our feet is paved with large flat stones. Tall stone pillars with elaborately carved capitals rise from the pavement, supporting a lofty screen or monumental gate with four arched openings. Beyond it a flight of stone steps leads to ground on a lower level at our left. Part of that lower ground is grassy and we see trees growing there,—silvery green olives



and tall, slender cypresses. This paved terrace where we stand is a part of the old temple grounds. Nineteen centuries ago it may have been included in the Court of the Women. That level where we see the trees may have been part of the outer court of the Gentiles. Tradition says that Annas, the old high priest, and Caiaphas, his son-in-law, lived in a part of the

town beyond that dome-roofed synagogue on the hill and here the night trial of Jesus took place.

Use a stereograph entitled, *From the Temple Area Southwest over Modern Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem*.

### ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

#### Lesson Points

Some very irreligious things have been done in the name of religion. v. 57.

To follow Jesus afar off is better than not to follow Him at all. v. 58.

Those who would fight the truth must needs use strange weapons. v. 59.

Men can always be found who are willing to be the tools of evil. v. 60.

"A lie which is half a truth is ever the blackest of lies." v. 61.

Silence is sometimes the best answer to

calumny. v. 63.

The gates of hell cannot prevail against the kingdom of God. v. 64.

It is possible to do evil with pious phrases on our lips. v. 65.

It was for us that the Saviour bore the taunts of men. v. 67.

#### Something to Look Up

[From the INTERMEDIATE QUARTERLY AND LEAFLET]

1. Peter says that Jesus left us a good example to follow in His steps, because when He was reviled He reviled not again. Find the words.