

Two On Trial
Mark 14:53-72 (page 707)

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Successful Strategies In Response To Troubles

(Mark 14:53, 55-65)

I will *overcome* troubles when:

- others seek to destroy my reputation with f a l s e h o o d s about me, I respond with calm c o n f i d e n c e that God will v i n d i c a t e me. (vs 53, 55-59; 1 Pet 2:23)
- others seek to i n t i m i d a t e me into d e n y i n g the truth, I respond by a f f i r m i n g the truth. (vs 60-62)
- others r e f u s e to receive the truth, I am willing to s u f f e r for the truth. (vs 63-65; 1 Pet 4:12-19)

Unsuccessful Strategies In Response To Troubles (Mark 14:54, 66-72)

I will be *overwhelmed* by troubles when:

- I follow Jesus from a d i s t a n c e. (v 54a)
- I try to f i t i n with those who *oppose* Jesus. (v 54b; 2 Cor 6:14-15)
- I am a s h a m e d to be known as a f o l l o w e r of Jesus. (vs 66-68; 2 Tim 1:8; 2:15)
- I t a l k like a follower even though I *am not* o b e y i n g Jesus. (vs 69-70; John 14:15)
- I fail to u n d e r s t a n d my human w e a k n e s s. (vs 71-72; 1 Cor 10:12)

This week....what will *my response* be to trials or troubles that may arise in my life?