

# *The humility of Jesus*

**“BUT JESUS REMAINED SILENT  
AND GAVE NO ANSWER”  
-MARK 14:61A**

**Main text:** Isaiah 53:6-7

**Supporting texts:** Matthew 26:62-64a; Matthew 27:12-14; Zephaniah 1:7

Humility is one of the central characteristics of Jesus' life and ministry from His very first breath. The way Jesus exercised God's authority, power and purpose as the Messiah is as revealing of the heart of God as even the things He did themselves. At every critical moment in the gospel stories where Jesus had a choice whether to push Himself up or bend Himself low, Jesus chose to bend low. Nowhere is this more evident and mysterious than in His trials before the high priest Caiaphas (Mt 26:47-67) and the Roman prefect Pontius Pilate (Mt 27:1-14). In the face of trumped up charges, false accusations and a predetermined outcome, Jesus remained silent, as Isaiah had prophesied He would (Isa 53:7). This silence was not a defense strategy or a delay tactic, Jesus' silence was an expression of His essential humility and His willingness to drink the cup of sacrifice the Father had given Him (Mt 26:39,42). By refusing to defend Himself in the face of falsehood and fury, Jesus allowed His silence to signal His humble and saving willingness to: 1) embrace guilt, 2) share grief, and 3) express trust.

## **Questions:**

- Pastor David drew a comparison between the silence of the suffering servant that the prophet Isaiah spoke about in Isaiah 53:6-7 with the silence of Jesus at his trial in Matthew 26:62-64a & Matthew 27:12-14. How is this silence an expression of the humility of Jesus?
- What are some other ways we can use silence that might not be an expression of humility?
- In your own life, what is an example of good silence and an example of bad silence?
- David talked about how Jesus' silence as a way of him embracing guilt that was not his own, sharing grief about injustice, and a way of expressing trust in God. Discuss how Jesus' silence was a act of trust in God.
- Is there an area of your life that you really want to control and direct and get loud about, but that you know you need to practice silent trust God?