

(1) How does it strike you to think of Jesus, Savior and Lord of the universe, standing trial before his creation? What is your response to the idea of the one who is the embodiment of Truth and Righteousness being interrogated by liars and sinners?

(2) What role do you see the trials of Jesus playing in his redemptive work? In other words, does it matter much that Jesus was examined in this way? What would you think if he had been taken from Gethsemane and immediately nailed to the cross?

(3) What do the trials of Jesus and the way he responded to his accusers tell you about his character? Is there anything in particular you see in his response to the treatment he endured that sheds light on his person, his devotion to the Father, and his love for you?

(4) What do you think Jesus meant when he told the High Priest and those seated with him that they would “see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven”?

(5) How do you personally respond when you read of Jesus being spit upon?

(6) Talk about what Jesus meant when he said his kingdom “is not of this world”. How does this affect our efforts to expand the kingdom prior to his second coming?