

## 3-20-16 Scripture Reading

### Matt 26:59-67

<sup>59</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, in order that they might put Him to death;

<sup>60</sup> and they did not find *any*, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on two came forward,

<sup>61</sup> and said, "This man stated, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild it in three days.'"

<sup>62</sup> And the high priest stood up and said to Him, "Do You make no answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?"

<sup>63</sup> But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God."

<sup>64</sup> Jesus said to him, "**You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.**"

<sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his robes, saying, "He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy;

<sup>66</sup> what do you think? "They answered and said," He is deserving of death!"

<sup>67</sup> Then they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him,

### John 18:33-40

<sup>33</sup> Pilate therefore entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "**Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?**"

<sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You up to me; what have You done?"

<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "**My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting, that I might not be delivered up to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.**"

<sup>37</sup> Pilate therefore said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "**You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.**"

<sup>38</sup> Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?"

And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no guilt in Him.

<sup>39</sup> "But you have a custom, that I should release someone for you at the Passover; do you wish then that I release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>40</sup> Therefore they cried out again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas." Now Barabbas was a robber.