

**“The Cross Threatens the Status Quo”**

*This set of questions is based on Patrick’s sermon preached May 10.*

1. Someone says, “I’m not into religion; I’m into Christ.” What do you like and what do you not like about that statement? How have you seen “Christian” religion at odds with being a Christ follower?
2. Read Mark 14:1–2, 43–49, and 55–65. What concerns of the Sanhedrin (the religious leaders) are seen in these verses that might have led them to seek Jesus’ death? Do you see any legitimacy in their concerns?
3. When Jesus replied to the high priest, in verse 62, he referred to two important passages that his contemporaries understood to be speaking about the coming Messiah. Why do you think they were offended by Jesus’ statement in verse 62? Read Psalm 110 and Daniel 7:13–18. What do these passages tell you about who Jesus is?