To Seek and To Save #7 “From His Own Mouth” Luke 22: 63-71

**Intro**: The fifth amendment on US Constitution protects a person from self-incrimination --- cannot be forced to testify against themselves. “*You have the Right to Remain Silent*”

**t/s** – Jesus stood trial six times… a real mess of a legal process. He stood trial before the Roman authority (3 phases next week) and before the Jewish authorities 3 phases – **Annas,** the real power

High Priest **Caiaphas**’ House and some leaders at night

The **formal trial** at day break --- let’s make this legal

Luke only records the last, the formal Trial.

***Jesus did not remain silent***.

He was condemned based on the testimony from His own mouth. His words will be our focus this morning.

***Will you let Jesus tell you Who He is***?

**Luke 22: 63-71**

**Messiah,** Son of Man and Son of God are declared synonyms.

Vs. 70-71 – **Yes I Am** == *You are saying that I Am*

* You’re the One’s Who keep saying I Am (smart aleck)
* You can Say that again, I AM
* Must be a clear Affirmation…

**Vs. 71** – clear testimony ***from His own mouth***!

**t/s** – Jesus did more than affirm His Identity; he reminds the religious leaders of the key OT truth about Messiah from Psalm 110

**Psalm 110:1 –** OT key to “Messiah” (Tuesday in Temple)

**Luke 22:69**

**I am the Messiah; I Will Live On in Glory**

**Exp** – From this point forward… **I Will Be** (future ind. verb of being)

 Execution will not be the end of Me… I will Live On in Glory!

**Hebrews 12:2 –** *Who for the joy set before Him, endured the Cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

**Ill** – seven weeks later, a commotion in Jerusalem, same leaders gathered and Peter stood up to explain… **Psalm110:1**

* Jesus has been exalted to Right hand of God; and He has given us the Holy Spirit.
* *Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Messiah --- this Jesus whom YOU crucified.*

**App** – Executing Me is not going to solve your problem. Sooner or later, you will have to deal with Me. I will Live on in Glory.

**I am the Messiah; I Will Live On in Glory After My Work is Finished**.

**Exp** – *Seated at the Right Hand* …. ***Seated*** = At Rest. (honor & rest)

 He is seated because His work is complete.

**ILL** – My Dad would inspect our work; then our backside.

 If work was not finished; seat should be clean… No sitting!

 **Hebrews 10: 11-14** (Look for Psalm 110)

**App** – Jesus gives us Forgiveness. He makes us complete.

*Lifted up was He to die, It is finished was His cry;*

 *Now in heaven exalted high: hallelujah, what a Savior!*

**I am the Messiah; I will Live on in Glory Enthroned as Your Judge.**

**Exp** – Psalm 110 says that when Messiah is enthroned it is trouble for His Enemies… He Judges them.

 ***Right Hand of Power*** = Authority to Judge

 He is warning the Sanhedrin… Our Roles will be Reversed!

 I will be seated, enthroned, **you** will stand before **Me**.

Jesus points out the Irony --- You are Judging Me**; I am the Judge**!

**A.T Robertson**, *They were eternally wrong for He is the Christ, the Son of God, Son of Man. They made their* ***choice*** *and must face Christ as Judge.*

**App** – Your decision about Me has eternal consequences.

**Conclusion – *We have heard it ourselves from His own mouth!***

He has told you – Messiah, Living, Seated, Judge – Believe?

Some people Refuse to Believe Jesus. (**vs. 67**)

 *If I tell you****, you will not believe*…**  You have a choice to make.

 You are not deciding His Future… You are deciding your Own!

**ILL** – Stephen stood on trial before this same council a few years later.

He declared Jesus as the Savior King, the Messiah.

They were cut to the quick… under conviction.. but stubborn.

“***I see the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God***!”

* They began to shout, covering their ears and rushed to execute him. ***They would not Hear***!

You will probably not scream at me, cover your ears --- but the same could be said for some of you this morning… **You Will Not Believe**!