

## Silencing the Truth (Matthew 28:11-15)

“I call upon You to swear by the living God, and tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God” YAHSHUA said to him, You have stated [the fact]. More than that, I tell you: You will in the future see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Almighty and coming on the clouds of the sky. Then the high priest tore his clothes and exclaimed, He has uttered blasphemy! What need have we of further evidence? You have now heard His blasphemy. What do you think now? They answered, He deserves to be put to death (Matt. 26:63-66). The Jewish nation, represented by its authorities, silenced YAHSHUA’S words, with the death sentence: “He deserves to be put to death” and by spitting in His face and striking Him with their fists; others mocked Him while slapping in the face, saying, Prophecy to us, You Christ! Who was it that struck You? It did not seem that the high priest and those present, wanted to know and receive the truth declared by YAHSHUA; so they silenced Him with blows of anger.

Pilate asked Him the question, “Are You the king of the Jews”? To him YAHSHUA answered: You say it! For I am King; for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the Truth. Everyone who is of the Truth hears and listens to My voice; Pilate said to Him, What is Truth? On saying this he went out to the Jews again and told them, I find no fault in Him (Jn. 18: 35-38). YAHSHUA was interrogated by the Jewish nation concerning His role on earth; the gentiles, in the person of Pilate, wanted to know if He were the king of the Jews. YAHSHUA answered the question positively, but it seemed that no one wanted to know the truth. As for the Jewish nation, they had decreed their rejection of His kingship by shouting death to Him. Pilate, although accepting it to the point of writing it in the major three languages of those days, Hebrews, Latin and Greek, still had Him to be crucified at the request of the Jewish nation. The message of the truth was out for everyone to know it: Jesus, King of the Jews. The Jews, however asked him to change to that He had said He was the King of the Jews, to which Pilate, having the courage to stand for the truth, answered them: “What I have written, I have written” (Jn. 19:19-22)! By that, Pilate revealed the truth concerning YAHSHUA to the entire world; at that time it did not matter to Pilate if the Jewish’s nation did not want him to proclaim YAHSHUA to be their King; the words were going to remain above YAHSHUA’S cross (mine and yours), in prophetic terms proclaiming His future role on earth, when He comes back to reign over all the world. So Pilate came to know the truth in part; but when it came for him to know its entirety, he left the room, echoing the question: What is truth? He ran away from hearing the definition from the One Who was Truth; truth was then silenced from him.

The Jewish leaders continued to suppress the truth once again, when they advised Pilate to secure YAHSHUA’S tomb: Sir, they said, we have just remembered how that vagabond Imposter said while He was still alive, after three day I will rise again. Therefore give an order to have the tomb made secure and safeguarded until the third day, for fear that His disciples will come and steal Him away and tell the people that He has risen from the dead, and the last deception and fraud will be worse than the first (Matt. 27:63-64). Here they fell into another deception and covered the truth. They had heard from YAHSHUA’S own lips about His death and resurrection; they had heard YAHSHUA to be the Messiah; but nothing could change their thinking to accept

the truth; their vehement denial of the truth was absolutely unbelievable! They had the opportunity, so it seemed, to change the direction of their spiritual deceptions, but they chose not to; instead they handed their Messiah to be killed at their one choice of death – by crucifixion, a way of death contrary to their Jewish law.

When the third day came, no secured tomb stone could hold the Creator of life in the ground; no lie and no human power could keep Him in the tomb. In fact, it was a good thing that the Jews authorities asked Pilate to secure the tomb; for it proved that nothing in this world would have the power to hold Him prisoner of death. It proved that He was the author of life and that He was the Creator of all living things; it proved that He was what He said He was: the resurrection and the life! But not even then did they believed, or accepted the truth; instead they silenced it by paying a large sum of money to the Roman soldiers when they reported what they had experienced. They erased the truth even from those who had seen and witnessed YAHSHUA'S resurrection! The chief priests guided the Roman soldiers with the lies that YAHSHUA'S disciples had taken Him at night while they were sleeping; and promised them their protection if Pilate would hear about YAHSHUA'S resurrection. So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this story has been current among the Jews to the present day (Matt. 28:11-15). The root of this lie is still alive to this day in the minds of the Jewish people.

The hardness of the Jewish nation's heart blinded their eyes not to accept the truth; it silenced and crushed it instead; they believed the lies of their own lips and discredited the miracles and signs YAHSHUA had performed before their eyes; they brought eternal condemnation upon themselves when they accused YAHSHUA of performing the miracles under the power of demons. They tried to hide the truth from the nation, even with their eyes open to specific signs that proved YAHSHUA to be their Messiah. Knowing their hearts, YAHSHUA warned them: Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces; for you neither enter yourselves, nor do you allow those who are about to go in to do so (Matt.12:13). Their hearts are still callous to the truth today, by continuing persecuting those who believed and have embraced the truth of YAHSHUA. We see these evidences in the life of the apostle Paul, as he writes about all he suffered in the hands of his people for the sake of the truth.

YAHSHUA said, You shall know the Truth and the Truth shall set you free. The truth has proved over and over to set the mind free from the guilt of hidden sin. A life that lives in the darkness of lies will not experience peace until he is ready to face and accept the truth. King David expresses his spiritual freedom this way: When I kept silence, my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long; for day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my moisture was turned into the drought of summer; I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did no hide; I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord; then You forgave me the guilt and iniquity of my sin (Ps. 32:3-5). Certain diseases are the result of hidden or non-confessed sin. Here we have David suffering arthritis- "my bones wasted away through my groaning:" and kidney problem – "my moisture was turned into the drought of summer". Silencing the truth, we bring darkness to other's path of life; we lead them to ignorance by blinding them with lies.

And at the end of things, we will be held responsible for it. Know truth; believe truth; proclaim truth!