

THE MYSTERY OF JESUS CHRIST, part 3**8/7/12**

There is one very sad reason for the ignorance that surrounds Jesus Christ. Many religious and political leaders have done their best over the last 2000 years to limit or deny the true power that Christ made available to the human race. Even today, there are continuous attacks on Christian values with many religious leaders compromised towards humanist and social engineering. The following scriptures clearly reveal, how insidious some people with power over others, tend to be. Jesus was sent to free the world from sin and to encourage people to be led of the Spirit... not men.

Despite God's prophecies of the great and essential value of the coming Christ... many were out to silence him.

MAT 2:1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, **2** Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. **3** When **Herod the king** had heard *these things*, he was troubled, and **all Jerusalem with him** (*personal greed, ignorance and pride, destroys many people*). **4** And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. **&13** And when they were departed (*the wise men*), behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. *What has the human race learned in the last 2000 years? The lust for power kills more than it saves.*

This is the response from the most knowledgeable religious leaders of the day when faced with the power of God.

JOH 9:13 They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. **&16** Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day (*doctrinal error*). Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. **&20** His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: **21** But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. **22** These *words* spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. **&25** He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner *or no*, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. **&30** The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and *yet* he hath opened mine eyes. **31** Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. **&33** If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. **34** They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

Another cover up and more lies against the plan and purposes of God... they knew the prophetic words of Christ.

MAT 27:64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first... *the words of Pilate*. **65** Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make *it* as sure as ye can. **66** So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch. *They wasted their time, because you cannot mock God.*

MAT 28:1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. **2** And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. **3** His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: **4** And for **fear of him the keepers did shake**, and became as dead *men*. **5** And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. **&11** Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. **12** And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave **large money** unto the soldiers, **13** Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him *away* while we slept. **14** And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. *They lied and promised to cover up. These are spiritual leaders?*

The apostles performed the same miracles after the day of Pentecost... also met with lies, deceit, ignorance and pride.

ACT 4:15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council (*the Pharisees*), they conferred among themselves, **16** Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a **notable miracle hath been done** by them *is* manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny *it*. **17** But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name. **18** And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. *Ignoring miracles is pretty stupid, when all you have is doctrine.*

One honest man knows better than to build his ministry only on doctrine and longstanding tradition.

JOH 3:2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for **no man can do** these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. *Jesus said that signs would follow true believers... it is part of the ongoing gospel. He also criticised religious leaders who refused to learn and who would stick to their beliefs, regardless of the available evidence.* **MAT 23:13** But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. *The mystery of Jesus Christ is not accidental. Religious deceit and denial have trapped people in their sin for 2000 years and will continue till Jesus Christ returns. Despite this, there are people who know the truth!*