

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for the fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus. (JOHN 19:38)

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12

BREAK FREE, AND ACCEPT THE TRUTH

Joseph of Arimathea was in today's text referred to as 'a disciple of Jesus'. Meaning, he was one who believed in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

Also, we are told that he did it secretly because he feared the Jews.

Joseph was a member of the Council of the Sanhedrin (Mark 15:43).
His colleagues, do not approve of Jesus, they were the ones who concluded that Jesus should be condemned and put to death.

So it was obvious that belonging to this kind of group, made him to be afraid of his conviction that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and the Messiah, who was to come.

Joseph could not openly bear witness to truth, nor was he able to confess Jesus in the open, because of his association.

Thank God, he was able to summoned courage after Jesus was crucified, to identify himself as one who believed in Jesus by asking for His body for burial.

Many of us today have found ourselves in that type of bondage where we are afraid to openly confess Jesus.
We have considered that our associations, friends, colleagues or position in the office, is too important for us to say or act as believers in Christ.

Many in churches that the doctrines are clearly contrary to what is written in the Scriptures, seems trapped and too afraid to embrace truth even if they themselves read it from the Scriptures.

What can be more important than the truth that can save your soul?

Jesus said,

“For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels”

(Mark 8:38)

So make a decision, whether you want to remain entangled, or to be free to accept truth.

THINK IT OUT

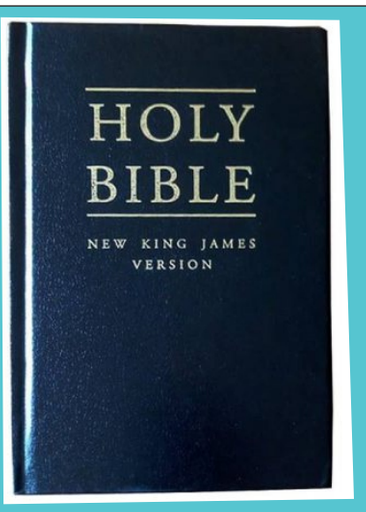
Is Jesus your secret friend or an acknowledged and professed Savior?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, I am sorry for being ashamed of You before my friends; forgive me Lord for dismissing the truth I have read in the Bible, just because it is not what everyone believes. I repent, and choose from today to acknowledge an profess You in the open as my Lord and Savior.

Know Your Bible:
Remember Jesus said, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32)

Do not remain a slave because of ignorance



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