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*Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.*

We have an English expression that says “seeing is believing.” But this isn’t always true. Those Roman soldiers who saw an angel roll away the stone from Jesus’ tomb didn’t try to put up a fight. Although tough and experienced in battle, they were so afraid of the angel that they never moved a muscle until the angel had left. Then they raced away from the tomb as quickly as they could.

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When the soldiers reported to Caiaphas the high priest, he had no interest in the truth of what really happened. He wanted the story covered up and not told to the people. He feared that Jesus in death and then in resurrection would be more respected and honoured than He had been while living among the people. But in God’s timing, eventually every truth does come out and then the person who covered up is despised for doing so.

Why do grown up people tell lies when they know it is wrong? They do it to protect themselves, to look good, to gain financially or socially, and even to avoid punishment. The problem with telling lies is that it gets worse as time goes by. When you get away with one lie, it often forces you to continue your deceptions with more and more. Liars often find themselves telling more untruths just to cover themselves. And this is what Caiaphas was forced to do.

Why do we dislike liars so much? It's a matter of trust. When a person lies, they've broken a bond – an unspoken agreement to treat others as we would like to be treated. Serious deception often makes it impossible for us to trust that person again. Because the issue of trust is on the line, owning up to the lie as soon as possible is the best way to mend fences or repair the damage that a lie causes. If the truth only comes out once it's been forced, like in a court of law, repair of the broken trust is far less likely to occur. People prefer to hear the truth, no matter how bad it is, than to be deceived.

The Bible has a lot to say about telling lies. Who told the first lie? Satan did – in the Garden of Eden. Jesus said in John, Chapter 8, that the devil or Satan is a liar and the father of lies. In Proverbs, Chapter 13, it says that the righteous hate what is false and then in the next chapter, that a truthful witness does not deceive, but a false witness pours out lies.

The Apostle Paul says in Colossians, Chapter 3: “Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices.”

Caiaphas did great harm to all those who would have trusted a risen Lord but they weren't interested in just a body in the grave. Even to this generation of Jews, there are those who believe the lie that Jesus' body stayed in the tomb and never rose like the Bible said it did. If they would only read the many records in the Bible, they might take a different view.

When Caiaphas gave money to the soldiers for telling lies about what happened, he was bribing them to deceive. It was all the more shameful that the very money he gave had been dedicated to God.

The giving of a gift can be changed by the associated circumstances and motive for giving it. If a person enjoys eating a meal at an eating place, he may give a tip or small amount of money to the waiter who served his table. If he really enjoyed the meal he might give a larger tip. In some places around the world, when visiting family relatives, it may be the custom to take them a gift of food to help with the expenses of the occasion.

The Bible always condemns taking a bribe. Those in authority who are deciding people's futures are commanded to give complete impartial justice. The Lord said in Exodus 23: "You shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the discerning and perverts the words of the righteous."

It is always more fitting to take any problem to the Lord in prayer and earnestly entreat Him to give guidance through the Holy Spirit. Compromise can become a habit which destroys the heart of the Gospel. Christians are to be blameless and can be complete if they seek Jesus as the source of all their life, identity, power and fulfilment.

We have to ask ourselves: "What is our intention in giving a gift to someone who, if in a favourable mood, might do something back to help us?" If our intentions trouble our conscience, then we need to pray and ask the Lord to work things out in His way and time. This means letting God be in charge of every problem instead of trying to solve things on our own.

By contrast, Caiaphas wanted to be in control of the Jews and the Jewish leaders. He'd felt reduced in his status as high priest by the challenges Jesus presented in His teachings and who He claimed to be. When at last Caiaphas was sure Jesus was dead, he thought that things would go back to the normal way they'd been. But to his disappointment, this didn't happen.

The illegal trials of Jesus had been so indecently hurried through that His death sentence had been passed before any witnesses in His support could be called on to speak for Jesus. Although this had been Caiaphas' plan, it backfired on him. People who had wished to ask Jesus for healing at the Passover had no opportunity to do so, and thus turned against Caiaphas.

What was the real value in Jesus' death and resurrection? In Romans, Chapter 3, it says: "Now God's way of putting people right with himself has been revealed. It has nothing to do with the law, even though the Law of Moses and the prophets gave their witness to it."

"God puts people right through their faith in Jesus Christ. God does this to all who believe in Christ, because there is no difference at all: everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. But by the free gift of God's grace all are put right with him through Christ Jesus, who sets them free."

"God offered him, so that by his blood he should become the means by which people's sins are forgiven through their faith in him. God did this in order to demonstrate that he is righteous.

What did Jesus Himself say about everlasting life? In John, Chapter 5, Jesus says, "I tell you the truth: whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

Once in possession of eternal life, Jesus then tells us how to live in Mark, Chapter 8: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the Gospel will save it.” We are asked to choose each day who we’ll serve: Christ and His plan for us to help with the needs of others or instead, our own dreams, wishes and desires. There is a cost in following Jesus – surrendering ourselves to die to ourselves so that we can be alive in God’s Holy Spirit with empowerment to trust, obey and follow Him.

These verses in Mark are followed by a warning: “If you are ashamed of me and of my teaching in this godless and wicked day, then the Son of Man will be ashamed of you when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Apostle Peter also said in 1 Peter, Chapter 2, Verse 24: “Christ himself carried our sins in his body to the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.”

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