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OK, THEY LIED

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"For many bore false witness against Him..." Mark 14:56 NKJV

Many people lose their shirt behind someone lying about them. I'm not proud to say it, but there are Christians who lie about other people and it should not be that way. Did you realize the lies told about Jesus so they could build a case for his execution stemmed from Jewish leaders who handled the law? So, don't be so surprised next time someone who is a Christian lies about you.



I know we all find it most aggravating when this type of thing occurs. The temptation to chase down the lie taunts you. We want to get to the bottom of it and set the record straight. There's a desire to validate our character as we are not too certain how many may believe the lie. Consider this thought. If it is a lie then that means it is not true. Lies are designed to deceive the mind and alter truth. Another part of deception deals with having a false reality and that leads to an illusion. A magician tries to make you believe he made the coin disappear. It doesn't really disappear it is an illusion. To chase after people to untangle a lie or to expose it, is like chasing after the disappearing coin. It really didn't happen so why spend energy on a deception or an illusion?

Jesus never attempted to correct the lie because he knew what they said never really happened. They twisted his words and his actions to give the illusion he did something wrong. When Jesus was questioned about the lie, verse 61 says, "But He kept silent and answered nothing." The only question Jesus gave an answer to was in reference to His identity: "...Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, 'Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?' Jesus said, 'I am...'" (v. 61-62). What does that teach us? When asked by others about a lie, don't support it has having substance by providing an explanation. Our best response is none at all. If you must say something, in your own mind resolve, "Ok, they lied!" If you must speak words to others say, "It's great to be recognized as a child of God." What you are indicating is you are being honored as belonging to Christ when others lie about you. This change in thinking should alter our behavior when dealing with lies told about us no matter who starts it.

Refreshing Change (This article was originally published October 11, 2011). Periodically, previously released articles will be shared under the sub header, "Refreshing Change" for we learn in the spiritual and in the natural that change takes time; often requiring a "refresher course" that encourages us to continue the journey. Go, Grow, and Glow in change!

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