

Politicians Killed Christ

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There is a common misunderstanding that a specific ethnic group was responsible for the death of Jesus Christ. This erroneous belief is misleading at best and allows the real offenders to escape any scrutiny or culpability.

If Christ were functioning solely in the physical realm today, he would be the focus of politicians who would want to eliminate him because his very presence would be a threat to their continued power and authority. This is an important subject today, given the fact that politicians like to use "race baiting", and other forms of distraction/deflection, in order to create division within their respective countries as a means to maintain power.

One divisive tactic used during the time of Christ's ministry involved demeaning a specific region within the country of Judea. By doing this, anyone from its vicinity would be considered "guilty by association", and then discredited. In the case of Jesus Christ, the *religiopolitical leaders could demean Christ's work simply by associating him with Nazareth,

*(Christ's) long and intimate association with (Nazareth) made him known as "Jesus of Nazareth". The disrepute in which Nazareth stood (cf. Jn. 1:46) has generally been attributed to the Galileans' **lack of culture and rude dialect** (quoted from The New Unger's Bible Dictionary by Merrill F. Unger; p 907; section titled "Nazareth"; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

This attempt to discredit people from a particular geographic region has been used in the United States of America by one political party against another. According to an article

published by Wikipedia on "*the heartland*", this region of the United States refers to the Midwestern states that do not border the Atlantic or Pacific oceans, and it is associated with mainstream or traditional values, such as economic self-sufficiency, conservative political and religious ideals, and rooted in agrarian life. Sadly, for political advantage, this region of the country has been labeled as "*deplorable*" because it "*supposedly*" does not have as many "*well educated and informed people*" compared to big cities like New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, etc.

Consequently, if Christ were among us today, many in positions of power in the USA would do their utmost to associate him with "*the basket of Midwest deplorables*" in order to discredit anything he might say or do. They would also dig up dirt on his family, or from his own life; just as the politicians in the Jewish ruling class did two thousand years ago when they accused him of being a bastard. Apparently, they had enough "*hard evidence from authoritative sources*" claiming he was born out of wedlock. This facilitated accusing Christ's mother of being a prostitute,

'We (the religious ruling class) were not born of prostitution,' they went on 'we have one father: God.'

(Jn. 8:41; The Jerusalem Bible; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Contrary to this false accusation, scripture confirms that Christ was begotten by his heavenly Father, who is also The Almighty God,

*For to which of the angels did He (God the Father) ever say: "You (Christ) are My Son, **Today I have begotten you?** And again: "I (Almighty God) will be to him (Christ) a Father, and he shall be to Me a Son"? (Heb. 1:5; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis*

added; NKJV used from the point on, unless otherwise noted).

So not only did Christ come from a region associated with deplorables, but he was also labeled as an illegitimate child. Next, the *religiopolitical leaders challenged his credentials in order to discredit and dismiss his teachings. Specifically, Christ was not from the tribe of Levi, and therefore he was not a priest. Hence, whatever he said, they could claim it had no merit because he was not qualified to teach God's word,

For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning the priesthood (Heb. 7:14).

To counter this narrative, Christ pointed out that he was representing his Father long before Levi was born. Therefore, his current lineage was irrelevant,

*"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day, and he saw it and was glad."⁵⁷ Then the (Jewish religiopolitical leaders) said to him (Christ), "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?"⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was (born), **I AM** (existed)." (Jn. 8:56-58; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

Because no human being has spoken directly with God the Father (cf. Jn. 5:37), "the god" that spoke with Moses is now known as Jesus Christ. Consequently, Christ existed long before Abraham and Levi,

Then Moses said to God (Heb. Elohim; of which there are many; cf. 1Cor. 8:5), "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to

*me, 'What is His name? What shall I say to them?'"¹⁴ And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, '**I AM** has sent me to you.'" (Ex. 3:13-14; cf. Heb. 13:8; Ed. notes in parentheses).*

Therefore, Christ's credentials were impeccable, and the religiopolitical class had no basis for their accusations against him. Instead, they should have paid close attention to what he was teaching for their own well-being, but most of them ignored it and sought to eliminate him altogether because he was a threat to their cozy relationship with the Roman authorities,

*Therefore, when **the chief priests and officers** saw him (Christ), they cried out, saying, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "You take him and crucify, for I find no fault in him." (Jn. 19:6; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

*From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the (Jewish *religiopolitical leaders) cried out saying, "If you let this man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar." (Jn. 19:12; Ed. note in parenthesis).*

Because these religious leaders had all the skills associated with hypocritical politicians (cf. Mt. 23:13-15; 23-25, 27-29), they deceived a mob of people to the point of hysterical hatred toward Christ, even though he was not guilty of any crime,

*But **the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes** that they should ask for Barabbas (to be released) and destroy Jesus (Mt. 27:20; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

The real power behind the cunning and deceitful actions of the *religiopolitical leaders was a spirit-being who is able to influence those who are already self-serving and power hungry,

*And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill him (Christ), for they feared (being caught out by) the people.³ Then **Satan entered Judas**, surnamed **Iscariot**, who was numbered among the twelve (disciples) (Lk. 22:2-3; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

Whenever someone is obsessed by greed and/or a thirst for power, they can be unduly influenced by Satan. Because Judas was already a money-grubbing thief who helped himself to funds that were earmarked to support Christ's ministry (cf. Jn. 12:4-6), he was an easy target for Satan. This dynamic hasn't changed today. Politicians will do virtually anything to hold on to their power and influence if it benefits them personally. When this is clearly understood, it helps explain the foolish and reckless actions many politicians are taking. But the important lesson is that Satan has a laser focus on this world's leadership because when he controls the ruling class, he controls everyone on this planet. Christ exposed this "*dark power behind the scenes*" in a parable, and pointed out that Satan's end-goal is to deceive everyone about God's truth and His plan of salvation, with "*repentance of sin*" being its centerpiece (cf. Rev. 12:9; Acts 2:38),

*Therefore, he said: "A certain nobleman (Christ) went into a far country (heaven; Eph. 1:20; Heb. 1:13) to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.¹³ So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas (about 3 months' salary), and said to them, **'Do business till I come** (cf. Lk. 2:49).'¹⁴*

*But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, **'We will not have this man to reign over us'** (Lk. 19:12-13; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

So, the *religiopolitical leadership under the influence of Satan, expressed the will of their father the Devil (cf. Jn. 8:44), and told the Roman authorities that they did not recognize Christ as their ruler,

*Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the stake (Gr. *stauros*). And the writing was: **JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS** (Jn. 19:19; Ed. note in parenthesis).*

*Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, **"Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but (instead), 'He said, "I am the King of the Jews'"** (Jn. 19:21; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

Going back to the parable in Luke, Christ's number one enemy is Satan, who is pictured as the servant that did nothing with his mina. In other words, Satan was given an opportunity to be part of "*the family business*" (per, Lk. 2:49), but he wasn't interested in helping others in their relationship with God the Father. Instead, he wanted to accrue power and have others worship him (per: Isa. 14:12-14; Eze. 28:14-18),

And another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief.²¹

For I feared you, because you are an austere man (the law and commandments that you teach are too hard to obey; cf. Psa. 2:1-3). You collect what you did not deposit and reap what you did not sow (inferring that Christ's expectations are too high, and therefore unfair).'²² And he

(Christ) said to him (Satan), 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. ²³ Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' (Satan will not do the bare minimum required to serve God the Father) (Lk. 19:20-23; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Employing the principle that whoever is not supportive of God's way of life is against it (Mt. 12:30; Mk. 9:40; Lk. 9:50; 11:23), Satan and his demons will be held to account at the end of Christ's millennial rule (cf. Rev. 20:7-10),

And he (Christ) said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him (Satan), and give it to him who has ten minas.' (Lk. 19:24; Ed. notes in parentheses).

'For I say to you, that to everyone who has (increased) will be given (more); and from him who does not have (any increase), even what he has (originally been given) will be taken away from him. ²⁷ But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them (Satan and his demons) and slay them before me.' (Lk. 19:26-27; cf. Rom. 16:20; Psa. 58:10; Mal. 4:3; Isa. 14:16-17; 40:23-24; Ed. notes in parentheses).

So, the greater responsibility for sinful conduct lies at the feet of Satan and his demons who have always been influencing mankind to reject God's law and commandments in exchange for a rebellious way of living that causes heartache and hardship throughout the family of the only true God, who is the Father (cf. Jn. 17:3).

However, power hungry politicians are open to Satan's influence, and their lawless behavior

will increase to the point that mankind is utterly destroyed (cf. Mt. 24:12; 21-22). So, the belief that the Jewish people are responsible for Christ's death is not true. Instead, *religiopolitical leaders, under the influence of Satan, killed Christ. And, if Christ were walking this earth today, politicians **in any country** would work to discredit and destroy him because they are still under Satan's influence, and therefore do not want to be subject to the Father's law and commandments (cf. Rom. 8:7-8).

* Religiopolitical – (Adjective), Pertaining to both religion and politics

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