

John 12:42~ All the same, many even of the rulers actually put faith in him, but because of the Pharisees, they would not confess him, in order, not to be expelled from the synagogue.¹

Footnote: See (John 9:22) Footnote

- 1· Nonetheless even many of the rulers of the Jews actually put faith in him, yet out of fear of the retributions by the hand of the Pharisees, they did not confess him openly, because they were in fear of being expelled from the synagogue.**

[Question] How did many of even the rulers then feel about Jesus and his ministry?

[Question] Why though, were they afraid to support Jesus publicly?

- 2· Now after these things Joseph from Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one, out of his fear of the Jews, requested Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. Therefore he came and took his body away. (John 19:38)**

[Question] What kind of a disciple of Jesus, was Joseph of Arimathea?

- 3· Trembling at men, is what lays a snare, but he that is trusting in Yehowah, will be protected. (Proverbs 29:25)**

[Question] What lays a snare for men?

- 4· No one, of course, would speak about him publicly, because of the fear of the Jews. (John 7:13)**

[Question] Why would people not even speak publicly of Jesus Christ then?

- 5· His parents said these things, because they were in fear of the Jews, for the Jews had already come to an agreement that, if anyone confessed him as Christ, he should get expelled from the synagogue. (John 9:22)**

[Question] What did the parents of a man born blind say, to avoid what form of censure by the Jews?

- 6· Men will expel you from the synagogue. In fact, the hour is coming, when everyone that kills you, will imagine he has rendered a sacred service to God. (John 16:2)**

[Question] What did Jesus tell his disciples, that men would do to them in the future, after his own death?

- 7· **This one came to him in the night and said to him; Rabbi, we know that you as a teacher have come from God, for no one can perform these signs that you perform, unless God is with him. (John 3:2)**

[Question] What did Nicodemus state, that the Pharisees knew about Jesus, and what convinced them of this?

- 8· **Not one of the rulers or of the Pharisees has put faith in him, has he? (John 7:48)**

[Question] What did the Pharisees later show though, that they had a strangle hold upon, among their own members?

- 9· **Consequently the word of God went on growing, and the number of the disciples kept multiplying in Jerusalem very much, and a great crowd of priests began to be obedient to the faith. (Acts of Apostles 6:7)**

[Question] Who later came to be among those who accepted Jesus' teachings, after his death and resurrection?