

John 7:13~ No one, of course, would speak about him publicly, because of the fear of the Jews.

- 1· Yet the crowds were afraid to speak about him publicly, out of their fear of the Jewish religious leaders, who would use intimidation against the people who spoke in out favor of him.

[Question] Why were the crowds afraid to speak out in favor of Jesus, for what did the Pharisees use against the people, to make them stay in line with their teachings?

- 2· 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] Why did the parents of a man Jesus healed, fear to say anything about the matter, when before the Pharisees?

- 3· 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. (**John 12:42**)

[Question] What did many of the rulers within Israel put faith in, but why would they not publicly confess their faith in Jesus?

- 4· 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 disciples was Joseph of Arimathea, who later buried Jesus body?