

**John 9:22~** 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.<sup>1</sup>

**Footnote: Expelled from the synagogue Or, unchurched**

**1· His parents said things this way, because they were in fear of the religious leaders, who had already agreed among themselves, that anyone who would confess Jesus as the Christ, he was to be expelled from the synagogue. This would mean the loss of all their friends and close associates, and their being ostracized by many others. So they told the religious leaders to ask the one to whom these things happened, thus staying out of trouble with them.**

**[Question]** Why did the parents of the man speak this way, for what were they in fear of, and why?

**[Question]** What would it mean for them to be thus ostracized by their religious peers?

**2· 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, but whom does Yehowah God protect?

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

**[Question]** Why were many people in Jerusalem fearful to confess Jesus in faith?

**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]** Why did Joseph of Arimathea afraid to put faith publicly in Jesus?

**5· Therefore, when it was late on that day, the first of the week, and, although the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came, and stood**

in their midst, and **said** to them; May you have peace.  
(**John 20:19**)

**[Question]** Why did the disciples of Jesus lock the doors where they stayed after Jesus' death?

- 6· 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 of Israel put their faith in, yet why would they not openly come out in support of Jesus?

- 7· 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 later do to them, and where would they be excluded from?

- 8· In answer they **said** to him; You were altogether born in sins, and yet are you teaching us? And they threw him out! (**John 9:34**)

**[Question]** How did the Pharisees later treat this man born blind, because he put his faith in Jesus Christ?