

***Study of John 18***  
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***John 18:1- 40***

*1 – When Yeshua had spoken these words,*

What are the words that Messiah spoke, that this is referring to? This is speaking of the words of prayer that Messiah prayed for His disciples, and for all other people who would hear the Words that the Father gave Him to speak, and willingly receive them, and know, without even a shadow of a doubt that Messiah was indeed sent from the Father.

*He went forth with His disciples over the brook Cedron,*

(קדרון, Qedron, means, darkness, gloom, it is from the word Qedar, which means, dark, was darkened, obscured, it is also the name of one of Ishmael's sons, spelled Kedar in our English Scriptures)

*Where there was a garden,*

(The garden that this is talking about **IS** the garden of Gethsemane, and in Hebrew it is גַּת שֶׁמֶן, Gat Shemen, where the word Gat means, wine pit, wine press, pit, cistern, and the word Shemen, means, to be or become fat, he oiled, he greased, he made fat, fattened, fat, stout, robust, thick, oil, fatness, **olive oil**, it also means to assess, appraise, evaluate, estimate)

*Into which He and His disciples entered.*

Here in this *verse* we are told that when Messiah had finished praying for His disciples and for all other people that would hear His Words, either through Him, or through His disciples, that He crossed over the brook Qidron, and the word Qidron means dark, gloomy, and that He went into the garden, which I believe is the Garden of Gethsemane, (*which is across the Qidron Valley on the Mount of Olives, it is a mile-long ridge paralleling the eastern part of Jerusalem, where Yeshua is said to have prayed on the night of His arrest before his Crucifixion*), and the name Gethsemane is Gat Shemen, and in Hebrew, it means, wine press, wine pit, cistern, it is the garden from where the olives are taken to produce the olive oil that is used for the Menorah in the Temple. Therefore, I believe Yahweh is telling us through the use of these two words, the word Qidron and the word Garden, that when Messiah **crossed over** into the Garden, it means that there, in the Garden, which is a shadow picture of the Garden of Eden, the original model of Yahweh's perfect world, that Messiah's burden was relieved by the presence of the Holy Spirit, represented by the word Shemen which means oil, and oil in Scripture, often represents the Holy Spirit.

*Verse 20 And Judas also, who betrayed Him, knew the place: for Yeshua often went there with His disciples.*

This tells us that Messiah often went into the **garden** to commune with the Holy Spirit of Yahweh, the same Spirit that Yahweh says, He will give to all people who willingly and lovingly choose to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to Him, and that the Holy

Spirit, which Yahweh gives them, **WILL CAUSE** any and all surrendered contrite obedient hearts to believe, that will **ALLOW** Him, to believe, follow, and obey, **ALL** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, which, when obeyed, has the benefit of setting all people who obey the Words of the Torah of Yahweh, of setting them **FREE** from their past fears, from darkness, from gloominess, **because**, from that point on, they, Like Messiah, will also be relying on, and **TRUSTING**, Yahweh for everything.

*Verse 3 Judas*, translated from the name Judah

(יְהוּדָה, Yahudah, is made up of the word Hod, which means, beauty, splendour, glory, majesty, to resonate, reverberate, admission, acknowledgement, thanksgiving, and the word Ya, which is a short form of the Name Yahweh, therefore, the definition of the word Judas, Jew or Judah, Yahudah, **IS** a person that willingly chooses to praise the beauty, splendour, glory and majesty of Yahweh, and who resonates, repeats, echos, and willingly chooses to live by Yahweh's Words of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting Life, His Torah)

As you can see, it is obvious that Judas did **NOT** live up to his namesake, but that instead of praising and glorying the Name of Yahweh, he was defiling it by betraying Messiah.

*Then having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, Judas came to where Messiah and His disciples were, with lanterns and torches and weapons.*

Instead of worshipping, supporting and praising Messiah, as Judas' name sake, says, he should have been doing, Judas, because of Jealousy, envy and greed, chose to betray Messiah, and **SELL** Him to His enemies, who wanted Him dead, and this is the description of the events of Judas' betrayal of the Son of Elohim, our Messiah.

*Verse 4 Yeshua therefore, **knowing** all things that should come upon Him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom do you seek? 5 They answered him and said, we seek Yeshua of Nazareth.*

(נִצְרֵת, Natzaret, is from the word Natzar, נָצַר, which means, to watch, to guard, to keep, he guarded from danger, he preserved, he observed, **BUT** since Messiah **IS** from Natzaret, both the Christian and Jewish religious scribes, have chosen to define this word, as meaning, to convert to Christianity, to become a Christian, but as you can see for yourself, that is **NOT** the original and real meaning of the word, the word Natzaret, means, to watch, to guard, to keep, he guarded from danger, he preserved, which is the exact role that Messiah came to **DO**, He came to teach us the Ways of the Father, the Ways, that when followed and obeyed with a loving surrendered obedient heart, will guard us from all evil, and it is not to be confused with the word Nazarite, נְזִירִית, which is from the word Nazir, נָזִיר, which means, to single out, separate, consecrate himself, devoted himself, he took a Nazarite Vow, he lived as a Nazarite. Messiah was from Nazaret, and therefore, His followers, and all their followers were never called Christians, they were called Nazarenes.

*Matthew 2:23 says, And He came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a **Nazarene**. This verse tells us that Messiah is from Nazareth or Natzaret, נִצְרֵת, in Hebrew, and since this word Natzaret is from the word Natzar, which means, to watch, to guard, to keep, to preserve, then Matthew is feeling*

us Messiah was sent to be **our guardian**, to keep all those who would believe in Him, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, the very same Torah that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, to keep us out of the darkness, because, He **IS** the Light of the world, He is the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, and, as you can see, the people of the world, hated Him for it, and He was even betrayed from within the group of His own disciples. Therefore, we have to learn to have discernment, as to whom we associate with, or else, we too could be betrayed from within, which is something that many of us have indeed experienced in the past, many of us have experienced being deceived and betrayed in the past by people that we once called friends. This tells us that those who followed and obeyed the Words of Messiah, which happens to be the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, for Messiah Himself has said, I only speak the Words My heavenly Father Commanded Me to speak, were called Nazarenes and **NOT** Christians, as the scribes of Catholicism would have you believe.

*Jeremiah 31:6 For there shall be a day, that the watchmen (the Notzriym, נֹצְרִיִם) upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise all of you, and let us go up to Tzion unto Yahweh our Elohim.*

*Yeshua said unto them, I am He.*

I don't know if your translation of the Scripture points this out or not, but the word **He**, in this part of the *verse* is **NOT in the text**, it has been inserted by the translators, and I believe it does a great disservice to the **Truth**, for the real words that Messiah said, are, **I AM**, which of course refers us back to *Exodus 3:14* where *Elohim said unto Mosheh, אֶהְיֶה אֲשֶׁר אֶהְיֶה, Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh, I AM THAT I AM: and He said, Thus shall you say unto the children of Yisrael, I AM has sent me unto you.*

It appears that the translators wanted to remove the connection between Messiah and Elohim, and make them separate entities, when Scripture makes it very clear that they **ARE** actually **ONE** and the same entity, and that is confirmed in *Isaiah 54:5* which says:

*For your **Maker is your husband;***

*Yahweh of hosts **IS** His Name;*

*He is your Redeemer*

*The Holy One of Yisrael;*

*The Elohim of the whole earth shall he be called.*

All of Scripture makes it very clear that

Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, which means, He **IS** the  
Creator of all things

Messiah **IS** our husband

Messiah **IS** Yahweh

Messiah **IS** our Redeemer

Messiah **IS** the Holy One of Yisrael

Messiah **IS** Elohim.

I know why these translators did this, do you?

They want to try and remove any and all association from what they call the god of the New Testament, whom they claim is a god of grace, from the one they call the God of the old Testament, whom they say, is a mean God, a God that kills people when they do not obey Him; **BUT** nothing could be further from the **TRUTH**, for our heavenly Father, **IS** a Father that is filled with love, compassion, understanding, and who has a very forgiving heart, a Father that does **NOT** even want one person to perish, and yet, many of the so called church fathers do indeed describe Him as a vengeful god, that is determined to kill all those who disobey Him.

*And Judas also, who betrayed Messiah, stood with them.*

Here we finally see the Sin of Judas come to full fruition, for **NOW**, he is exposed for the whole world to see, that he **IS** the one that betrayed the Son of Elohim, the Saviour of the world, and that he will forever be known as **THE ULTIMATE BETRAYER**.

*Verse 6 As soon then as Messiah had said unto them, I AM, they fell backward, onto the ground.*

Have you ever been to a Pentecostal revival meeting, where they supposedly exorcise people and do something that they call, **slain in the Spirit**? Did you notice, **IF** you were there at one of those revival meetings, that when they put on this charade, which way that the people **FELL**? It is obvious that they all fall **BACKWARDS**, for that is where the catchers are, behind them. Now with that information in mind, which way did these people, who wanted to mock, punish, torture and then **KILL** our Messiah, **FALL**? It says that they fell **BACKWARDS onto the ground**, which could be interpreted as, from dust you came, and therefore to dust you will return, and it could also be interpreted to mean, that there will be **NO** everlasting life for those who betray Messiah, those who willingly choose **NOT** to obey the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, the very same Words that Messiah confirms came directly from the mouth of our heavenly Father.

*Verse 7 Then Messiah asked them again, Whom do you seek?*

*And they said, Yeshua of Nazareth. 8 Yeshua answered,*

*I have told you that I am (and again the translators inserted the word **He**, but as you **NOW KNOW**, it does **NOT** belong there):*

*Then Messiah says: IF therefore you seek Me, then let these others go their way: 9 That the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, of them which you gave Me, have I lost none.*

What saying? The saying that is found in *John 17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your Name: those that You gave Me I have kept, and **NONE of them are lost, BUT the son of perdition; that the Scripture might be fulfilled.***

*Verse 10 Then Simon Peter*

(His actual name is **יְהוֹנָתָן בֶּרֶךְ יוֹנָה**, Shimeon Bar Yonah, and Messiah said in *John 1:42 you shall be called Kephah, כֶּפֶה, and verse 42 continues and says, that the word Kephah, by interpretation, means, a stone. The word Shimeon is from the word Shemah, **שמע**, which means, to hear, listen, pay close attention to, understand, believe, follow, obey and **DO** what you have been told to do, the Word Kephah, means stone, and from*

that interpretation, Simeon was called Petros, Strong's number G4074, Πέτρος, Pétros, apparently a primary word; a piece of rock, larger than G3037, Lithos, λίθος, pronounced, lee'-thos, it is a primary word, and means, a stone, literally or figuratively; millstone, stumbling stone; as a name, Petros, an apostle, Peter, rock. Compare G2786 Κηφᾶς, Kēphās, pronounced, Kay-fas, it is of Chaldee origin, the Rock; Cephas, or Kepha, is a surname of Peter; Cephas; compare it H3710, כֶּפֶן, Kaph, from 3721; a hollow rock, rock, it is also the name of the eleventh letter of the Hebrew alphabet, and it means the palm of the hand or sole of the foot)

*Having a sword, he drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear.*

*The servant's name was Malchus.*

(Malchos, Strong's number G3124 Μάλχος, Málchos, pronounced, mal'-khos, it is of Hebrew origin (04429); Malchus, an Israelite, מֶלֶךְ, Melek, which means king)

Why did Messiah allow Peter to **cut off the ear** of the servant of the High Priest? And why was his name Malchus or Melek in Hebrew. Well I believe, that since it is Yahweh that orchestrates all these things, I am sure that He could have had whomever He wanted as the High Priests' servant, **BUT**, apparently He chose Malchus, which is translated from the Hebrew name Melek.

What are we suppose to do with that information? Well, I believe that Messiah is showing us that **IF** anyone, chooses **NOT** to hear, chooses **NOT** to Shemah His Words, the Words that came directly from the mouth of our heavenly Father, the Words of His Torah of Life, it is as **IF** they had **NO EARS** to hear with, **BUT** as you can see, Messiah picked up the ear, and according to *Luke 22:50-51* Messiah restored it to the servant of the High Priest, as if **NOTHING** had happened. Why did Messiah do that? Why was His last miracle, a miracle that gave a person who apparently hated Him, and wanted to kill Him, why did Messiah restore his hearing? I believe He did, it to show us, that **IF** anyone chooses to allow Messiah, the Words of Living Torah, to touch their lives, by willingly surrendering their wills to the Father, then He **WILL** restore that person's ability to hear, to shemah the Words of the Father, and our heavenly Father **WILL** give that person, His Holy Spirit, who is tasked with **CAUSING** every surrendered contrite obedient heart, that will allow Him, to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life. And, as you can see, by the text, the servant is named Melek and I believe that Yahweh chose this individual names Malchus, or Melek in Hebrew, because, He Messiah, **IS** our King, and that **IF** we choose to obey His Words, then we will be restored to a right relationship with our heavenly Father. Amein.

*Verse 11 Then said Yeshua unto Peter, Put up **your sword** into the sheath:*

(הַעַר, Ta'ar, means razor, sheath of a sword, scabbard, but if we take the letter Tav, which means sign or covenant as a prefix, then we are left with the word Ar, אֵר which means, enemy or foe, but it also means, awake, wakeful, and according to the dictionary it is related to the word Ar spelled אָר, which means, to rouse oneself, awake, was incited to activity, to make blind, to blind, became blind)

When I put all of this information together, this is what I see; when Yeshua says to Peter, put **YOUR SWORD** into it's sheath, He is telling Peter to put the **words of man**, which includes **ALL** man made doctrines, put them aside, and place them where they belong, out of the reach of

people, for these doctrines are your enemies, they will blind you to our heavenly Father's everlasting **TRUTH**, the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, and by doing so, by putting **YOUR SWORD**, your man made doctrines away, and choosing instead to focus on the Words that I, the Words of the Living Torah give you, you will be awakened to our heavenly Father's everlasting **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah, which will lead you into everlasting Life, **IF** you choose to willingly follow and obey them.

Now, based on what I have just told you, I hope that you can see, that even though Peter thought he was defending Messiah, what he was really doing by using **HIS SWORD**, **IS** asserting his own beliefs, **HOWEVER** Messiah was **NOT** angry with him, He simply told Peter that he was **NOT** to rely on his sword, which is a metaphor for the words of man, but that instead, he was to rely on the inerrant and everlasting Words of the Father, which is what Messiah meant when He said, *The cup which My Father has given Me*, **SHALL I NOT DRINK IT?**

Messiah is asking Peter, do you **NOT** think that I should obey the Father? At this point, I feel that I have to ask all of you a question. What would your answer be, **IF** Messiah asked **YOU** that very same question, *The cup which My Father has given Me*, **SHALL I NOT DRINK IT?** And before you answer that, please remember, that you have to factor in, the fact that you knew, that **IF** you did not do something to save Him, that Messiah was going to be tortured, nailed to a cross and die? It is certainly something that we all must think about and answer for ourselves.

*Verse 12 Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Yeshua, and bound Him, 13 And led Him away to Annas first;*

(Annas is Strong's number G452, Ἄννας, Annas, pronounced, An'-nas, it is from the Hebrew name Ananias, Strong's number H2608); pronounced Chanan Yahu חַנַּנְיָהּ or Chanan Yah, חַנַּנְיָהּ, where the word Chanan means, to show favour, be gracious, had pity, granted amnesty, pitied, graceful, and then the name Yah or Yahu, which of course means, Yahweh. For your information, Annas was a High Priest who was replaced by his son in law, Caiaphas, who was also appointed by the Roman Procurator of his day),

*For he was the father in law to Caiaphas, who was the high priest that same year.*

(Caiaphas, was a high priests that was appointed by the Romans, because, the Romans not only wanted to have control over the Jewish civil leaders of Jerusalem, **BUT**, they also wanted to control over all the religious leaders, in order that they could dictate what edicts the priests could and could not give, and according to their estimation, Caiaphas fits that description perfectly)

Annas had been the high priest in the past, but as I said above, he was removed from the office of High Priest by the Roman leader of the day, and replaced with his son in law, Caiaphas. They probably took Messiah to Annas first, to see **IF** they could get him to admit His guilt, because, this was **NOT** a trial, since only the high priest could hold a trial.

*Verse 14 Now Caiaphas was the same person, who gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that One man (meaning Messiah) should die **FOR** the people.*

This tells us that Caiaphas, whether he knew it or **NOT** was actually fulfilling the **WILL** of our heavenly Father, even though he believed he was fulfilling his own will.

*Verse 15 And Simon Peter followed Yeshua, and so did **ANOTHER** disciple: That disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Yeshua into the Chamber of the high priest.*

Who was this other disciple who was permitted to enter the chamber of the high priest? There are two speculations as to whom this disciple was. First, it is believed that it was John who somehow had some kind of relationship with Caiaphas, and the second plausible disciple was Yeshua's brother James, or Jacob, Yakov.

*Verse 16 But Peter stood at the door without. **THEN**, the **other disciple** who was known unto the high priest, came out and spoke unto her that kept the door, and then he brought Peter in.*

Here we see that when the disciple that was permitted to go into the chamber of the high priest realized that Peter was **NOT** with him, he went to the door of the Chamber of the High Priest, and talked with the doorkeeper, and she let Peter in, so that he could go and witness what was happening to Messiah.

*Verse 17 Then the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, said, **ARE** you **NOT** also one of this man's disciples?*

Here the doorkeeper does **NOT** even use Messiah's name, she just call Him this man, which shows the disdain that she and many others had for Messiah, and she accuses Peter of being one of Messiah's followers, and unfortunately for Peter, he says: *I am not.*

*Verse 18 And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself.*

While Messiah was being interrogated, ridiculed and slapped around by the leaders of the man made religion of the day, Peter stood by the fire to warm himself, which indicates to us that he was afraid, and more concerned for his own welfare, than for Messiah's welfare. But please understand, that as I said, Peter did this out of fear for his own life, and **NOT** out of disdain for Messiah; he was simply being cowardly. Based on what Peter, who loved Messiah, did, we have to ask ourselves, what would we have done, **IF** we had been in Peter's shoes, would the fear of being ridiculed and beaten or mistreated and possibly even killed, as Messiah will be, the fear of being ridiculed and maybe even be killed, cause us to deny Messiah? Only you can answer that question, but please remember, that you are answering the question from the safety and comfort of your home, and **NOT** while you are actually being confronted with an angry mob.

*Verse 19 The high priest then asked Yeshua about His disciples, and of His Doctrine. 20 Yeshua answered him, and said:*

*I spoke openly to the world;*

*When I taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, where the Jews always resort;*

*I have **NOT** said anything in secret, **BUT** in the open.*

*Why then do you ask Me?*

*Ask them who **heard** Me, what I have said unto them:*

*Behold, they **know** what I said.*

Here Messiah challenges the High Priest and says, why do you ask Me what I have preached, go and ask the people that I spoke to, and ask them what I preached, and they will tell you, all that I have said, for I said it openly and **NOT** in Secret, **BECAUSE IT IS the TRUTH.**

*Verse 22 And when Messiah had spoken, one of the officers who stood by, struck Yeshua with the palm of his hand, saying, How dare you answer the high priest in this manner?*

Can you feel the disdain in this man's voice, the hatred and animosity that spews from his lips towards Messiah? That is what Messiah meant when He said they have **hated Me, therefore they will hate you also.**

*Verse 23 Yeshua answered him, **IF I have spoken evil, THEN bear witness of the evil:***

(Kakos, Strong's number G2560 κακῶς, kakōs, pronounced kak-ocē, from G2556; and it means badly, physically or morally, amiss, **diseased, evil**, grievously, miserably, sick, sore. Strong's number G2566, κακός, kakós, pronounced, kak-os, apparently a primary word; which means, **worthless, depraved**, injurious, **bad**, evil, harm, ill, noisome, **wicked**. In Hebrew it is the word Rah, רעָה or Ra, רע, which means, bad, **worthless, evil, wicked**, harm, misfortune, calamity, distress, **misery**, wrong)

Here Messiah confronts the man who slapped His face and says, **IF I have said something that is untrue, evil, wicked, harmful, wrong, bad, or worthless**, then you can condemn Me for it.

**BUT IF I have spoken the TRUTH, THEN WHY do you smite Me?**

Again, we have to keep in mind that Messiah came to teach us the Father's inerrant and everlasting **TRUTH**, and the Father's inerrant and everlasting **TRUTH, IS** defined in Scripture as the Words of the Torah of Yahweh, *Psalm 119:142, Your righteousness IS and everlasting Righteousness, and Your Torah IS the TRUTH.*

Next, we see Peter's second and third test. *Verse 24 Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest. 25 And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, **Are you not also one of His disciples?***

We are told that Peter *denied it, and said, **I am not.** 26 One of the servants of the high priest, being a kinsman to the person whom Peter had cut off his ear, said, Did I not see you in the garden with Yeshua? And unfortunately for Peter, verse 27 tells us that Peter then **denied knowing Messiah again: and immediately, the cock crew.***

Messiah had prophesied that this event would happen, and when it did, I am convinced that Peter hated himself for his cowardice, because I know that I would feel the same.

*Verse 28 Then they led Yeshua from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment:*

Now we see that this is the third time that Messiah is brought before a group of people or better yet a mob of people, to be ridiculed, questioned and abused. Here we see that Yeshua was first brought before Annas, where they tried to get him to incriminate Himself for going against the edicts of their man made religion, then He was brought before Caiaphas, the High Priest, in the

chamber of the high Priest, where he was judged and condemned, and then we are told that He was brought into the hall of judgement, which is the hall where Pilate was going to judge Messiah.

*It was early in the morning when they brought Yeshua to the Hall of Judgement; and they themselves (the religious leaders) did **NOT** go into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the Passover.*

First of all, I want you to see a very important fact, that I believe is missed by most, if not all people, and that is, that they brought Messiah to the Hall of Judgement **early in the morning**. We have to understand that Messiah was taken from the Garden of Gethsemane at around midnight, then He was brought in front of Annas, where He was interrogated and abused for more than likely a couple of hours, then, from there he was brought in front of Caiaphas, where he was once again interrogated and abused for another couple of hours or so. Then when they had finished humiliating and abusing Him they took Him to the judgement hall where He was to be judged by the Pharisee and Sadducees, and by now, it was probably about four or five AM, in the morning. This tells me that none of the public were witnesses to all of this, only the religious leaders and their followers witnessed all of this, for the Pharisees and Sadducees were afraid, that if the general public were to witness what they had done, that they would turn on them, and maybe foil their plans to have Messiah killed.

This is one of the most ironic stories in all of Scripture, and it shows us the hypocrisy of **ALL** man made religions and their leaders. They, these leaders of the man made religion of the day, have set themselves up to judge Messiah, who **IS** our Passover Lamb, a Lamb that was and still is, without any blemishes, the Lamb who was sacrificed for **ALL** of us, and because of their false man made doctrines, and their denial and rejection of the Father's **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah of Life, the very same Torah that He Himself gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, they found Messiah guilty of trespassing the rules and regulations of their man made oral torah, their false man made doctrine, **BUT**, they themselves did **NOT** enter into Pontius Pilate's hall of judgement so that they, according to their man made rules and regulations, their own man made doctrine, would not be defiled and thereby, **NOT** be allowed to participate in the celebration of the Passover. They did all this while they were **CONDEMNING** the one and **ONLY TRUE PASSOVER LAMB**, our Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah off our heavenly Father, made flesh.

Unbeknownst to these sacrilegious leaders of the man made religion of the day, they were actually fulfilling the **WORKS** of our heavenly Father, by putting Messiah to death on the cross. These religious leaders of the man made religion of the day, were indeed following their own evil will, by putting Messiah to death, **BUT**, like Scripture promises us, our heavenly Father **WILL** take **ALL** the evil that the enemy throws at us, and turn it for good, for those who have chosen to willingly and lovingly surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to Him, and chosen of their own accord, to believe, follow, obey and **DO** His Directives for everlasting Life, His Torah.

*Verse 29 Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation do you bring against this man? 30 They answered and said unto Him, **IF** He were not a malefactor,*

(Kakopoios, Strong's number G2555 *κακοποιός*, kakopoios, pronounced, kak-op-oy-os, it is from G2556 and G4160; and it means a bad-doer; a criminal, an evil-doer, a

malefactor. G556 κακός, kakós, means **worthless**, injurious, **bad, evil**, harm, ill, noisome, **wicked**)

*In Matthew 3:17* Our heavenly Father said when He spoke from Heaven to the people that were there at Messiah's water immersion, *This is My beloved Son, **IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED.***

We have to understand that the religious leaders of the day had been informed of what the people that were present at Messiah's water immersion ceremony, heard, they were informed that the people heard a voice from heaven and they were also told what that Voice said, *This is My beloved Son, **IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED; BUT*** they chose to unilaterally and unequivocally, disbelieve what the Voice from heaven, the Voice of our heavenly Father was reported to have said, and they chose instead, to call the **One** that the Father said He was well pleased in, **EVIL, BAD, WICKED, and WORTHLESS**. This event, by itself, **SHOULD** communicate to everyone who reads these words, what kind of depravity there is in **ALL** man made religions, for they live by their own man made false doctrines, that are based on their own finite wisdom, the very same wisdom that Yahweh has called foolishness, rather than **TRUSTING** in the infinite wisdom of the Creator of the universe, found in His inerrant and everlasting Word, His eternal **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah of Life

*IF He were **NOT** a malefactor, We would not have delivered him up unto you. 31 Then Pilate said unto them, **YOU** take Him, and judge Him according to **YOUR LAW.***

It is pretty evident that Pilate knew that Messiah had **NOT** done anything wrong because he was judging Messiah through **WHAT** He had actually done and **NOT** through the lenses of the false doctrine of the man made religion of Judaim and their evil leaders. This, therefore, tells us that **NO ONE** should actually **TRUST** what the religious leaders of the man made religions of the world tells us, without first finding out, **IF WHAT** they are telling us is **TRUE**, and the only real **TRUTH** that anyone can rely on, **IS the TRUTH** of the Creator of the universe, because He states in His **TRUTH**, which is made up of His Words of Life, His Torah, that He loves us and that He does **NOT** want even **ONE** person to perish, therefore, since His goal **IS** to keep **ALL** of us alive, we should **TRUST** what He calls **TRUTH**, and as I said, Yahweh Himself has said that His Torah, the Words of His Torah of Life **ARE TRUTH.** (*Psalm 119:142*)

*The Jews therefore said unto Pilate, It is **NOT** lawful for us to put any man to death:*

Because Jerusalem and all of Judah were under the Rule of the Romans, the courts of the religious leaders were very limited on what kind of punishment they could hand out, and here, it is very obvious that they wanted the death penalty for Messiah, for their minds were already made up, and they wanted Him dead.

*Verse 32 That the saying of Yeshua might be fulfilled, which He spoke, signifying what manner He should die.*

*Matthew 20:17-19 And Yeshua going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, 18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man **SHALL be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they SHALL condemn Him to death,** 19 And*

they **SHALL** deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify Him: and the third day He shall rise again.

Verse 33 Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Yeshua, and said unto him, Are You the King of the Jews? 34 Yeshua answered him, Is it you that is saying this thing, **or** did others tell you that about Me? 35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Your **OWN** nation and the chief priests have delivered You unto Me:

If there are more condemning words of man made religions and or religious leaders in Scripture, I do not know where to find them. Pilate says to Messiah, **YOUR OWN** people, the leaders of the religion of people of **YOUR OWN** nation, **ARE** the ones that delivered you into my hands, to have you executed.

What are we to learn from these words? I believe that this is a warning to us, the people who have chosen to willingly and lovingly, believe, follow, obey and **DO** all the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, that the people of the world, do not differentiate between the people who actually believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life out of love for our heavenly Father, and those who profess to believe and follow the Father's words, **BUT instead**, they follow the man made doctrines and oral torahs of whatever religious group or denomination that they belong to, in the plethora of man made religions, there are in this world of ours.

Then Pilate says:

*What have You done?* (in other words, why do they hate you so)

Verse 36 Yeshua answered, and said: My kingdom is **NOT** of this world: **BECAUSE IF** My kingdom were indeed of this world, **THEN** My servants would fight for Me to prevent Me from being delivered to the Jews: But **NOW** is My kingdom **NOT** from here.

Messiah says, that **IF** His kingdom were of this world, then My servants would fight for Me; When I first read these words a long time ago, I was discouraged that Messiah's kingdom was **NOT** of this world, for I believed that our heavenly Father created this world specifically for you and me, and since Messiah said, that His kingdom, was not of this world, it seemed to me that His kingdom was unreachable, **BUT** here Messiah says something that I find very encouraging, He says, **NOW**, is My kingdom **NOT** from here. That means to me that **ONE DAY, NOT NOW**, His kingdom **WILL INDEED BE** in world that He created for us, for He **IS** indeed returning to earth, so that the people that have chosen to willingly believe, follow, and obey what our heavenly Father has Commanded us to do in the Words of His Torah of Life, **CAN** and **WILL** rule and reign with Him for eternity

Verse 37 Pilate therefore said unto Him, Are You a king then? Yeshua answered, You say that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this **CAUSE** I came into the world, that I should bear witness unto the **TRUTH**.

This is a very important fact that Messiah mentions here, He says that this is **WHY**, He Messiah came into the world, He came to be a **WITNESS OF THE TRUTH**. The word **TRUTH** in Scripture is defined as the Torah, *Psalm 119:142, Your righteousness IS an everlasting righteousness and Your Torah IS the TRUTH. John 17:17 Sanctify them through Your TRUTH. YOUR WORD, IS TRUTH.*

Therefore Messiah Himself says that He came to teach us **HOW** to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Words of the Father's Directives for everlasting Life, the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, as He faithfully did and taught is to do.

Now please take a moment, and think of what this means for all the people who insist, that the Torah of our heavenly Father has somehow been changed and replaced in whole or in part, by a man made oral torah, and what does it mean for all the people who believe that the Torah of our heavenly Father, the very same Torah that he gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, is somehow done away with in whole or in part?

**DOES IT NOT MEAN THAT** they are calling Messiah a Liar? And **IF** they believe that Messiah Yeshua the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh, is actually **LIAR**, **BUT** they profess that they are following and obeying the one they call Jesus, does that not therefore mean that their Jesus **IS NOT the Messiah of Scripture**, since Yeshua Messiah **HIMSELF** has unequivocally said, **I came to TEACH the WORDS of the TORAH of MY FATHER, HIS ETERNAL TRUTH, to the people of the world.**

Next Messiah makes another very important statement, He says: *Every one that **IS** of the **TRUTH** hears My Voice.*

As I said, this is yet another **very profound statement** by Messiah, for He says that **EVERYONE** who is **OF the TRUTH**, which means that **EVERYONE** who has chosen to believe follow and obey all the Words **OF our heavenly Father's TORAH of Life**, actually **HEAR MY VOICE**.

That would mean then, that everyone **THAT HAS CHOSEN TO DISCARD any of the TORAH, of our heavenly Father, DOES NOT HEAR HIS VOICE** and **IF they are NOT hearing the voice of Messiah Yeshua**, and **YET**, profess that they are hearing a Voice, **THEN whose VOICE** are they actually hearing and obeying, since it is **NOT** the Voice of Messiah Yeshua?

*Verse 38 Pilate said unto Him, What is **TRUTH**?*

Pilate asks Messiah what **IS TRUTH**, but he does not wait for Messiah to answer, instead, we are told that, Pilate went out again unto the Jews, and *said unto them, I find in Him **NO FAULT AT ALL**.*

What are we to learn from this? Well, I believe that Messiah is teaching us that the peoples of the world are **NOT** interested in the **TRUTH**, they are **NOT** interested in the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, and, that it is therefore incumbent upon us, to choose to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, so that we can learn to be a Light onto the people of the world, as Messiah was alight into us, so that the peoples of the world, can see for themselves, through our actions, our deeds, how blessed our lives are, when we willingly and lovingly choose to obey the Commandments of the Father, and then, decide for themselves, that they want what we have, and then choose to willingly and lovingly follow and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, as we do.

Next we see that Pilate speaks to the Jewish religious leaders and their followers and he says in *Verse 39 But you have a custom, that I should release unto you ONE at the Passover: therefore do you want me to release unto you the King of the Jews? 40 Then they all cried again, saying, NOT this man, BUT Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber.*

As I searched extra biblical literature, I found something interesting on the internet. The article that I read said, that it has been discovered in some old manuscripts of Matthew in what are called the Cesarean group that use the name Jesus Barabbas. When Pilate is asking the crowd who they want in *Matthew 27:17* he asks, Whom do you want me to release for you? **Jesus Barabbas**, or **Jesus who is called Christ**? Every once in a while, we come across tiny little discrepancies like what sometime differs between manuscripts. Don't be dismayed. We have thousands of manuscripts crossing thousands of miles, and the differences are minuscule.

Elohim has truly preserved His Word. However, this is one of those instances where there is a discrepancy. Origen, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century church father, basically said, he didn't like writing Barabbas' name with Jesus in front of it, out of reverence for the true Savior. Maybe others in the early church had similar feelings. But what a crazy parallel. Which Jesus did you want?

The people of Jerusalem that were present at this kangaroo court were given to opportunity to repent from their evil ways and save Messiah, but their hatred for Messiah, caused, by them being exposed to the **TRUTH**, that their Rabbis were teaching them **LIES**, was to difficult for them to accept and believe, therefore, they chose of their own accord, to believe that it was Messiah that was **LYING** to them, and **NOT** their religious leaders. That attitude of **NOT BELIEVING** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, our Messiah, who only taught the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, the Father's everlasting **TRUTH**, has **NOT CHANGED**, and you can rest assure that the 1.3 billion people that profess to believe in Jesus, would **NEVER** agree to crucify Jesus once again, **BUT, IF** Messiah came back as Yeshua, teaching all peoples of the houses that profess to worship the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, have **NEVER CHANGED nor has any part of it been abolished in whole or in part**, and that they are still in full effect today, do you think that these 1.3 billion believers in Jesus, would want to **SAVE** Yeshua, or do you think that they would **once again** choose Jesus Bar Abbas?

Before you answer that question, please remember what I said above, that the word Barabbas, in Hebrew is Bar Abba, which means **son of a father**, and his given name, was Yeshua Bar Abba, which is translated into english as Jesus Barabbas. Therefore, back in Messiah's day, the people who followed the man made religion of the day, were offered a choice, do you want to save the **son of a father** who is name Yeshua (Jesus), or do you want to save **THE SON OF THE FATHER**, whose name is Yeshua. They were given a choice, between two people, named Yeshua (Jesus), and they opted for the one who is **the son of a father**, rather than the **ONE who IS THE SON OF THE FATHER**.

I hope that you can see the parallel, **because** we are offered the very same choice today, will we choose to believe, follow and obey the **son of a father**, the Christian Jesus, who supposedly broke the Sabbath, ate what He wanted to eat, and formed some of His own commandments, to

name but a few of the things that they say their Jesus did, that **ARE STRICTLY** forbidden in the Torah of Mosheh, **OR** will we choose to believe and follow and obey **THE SON, OF THE FATHER**, who emphatically stated, that He only speaks and does what the Father has Commanded Him to speak and **DO**, He only follows and obeys the Words of the Father's Torah of Life. Amein.

When you are thinking about this, please keep in mind, the sacrifice of the two goats, where one is killed and the other is sent into the wilderness **BUT** is **NOT** allowed to come back into the camp, for this is a parallel of this story also. The High Priest who presided over the ceremony of the Azazel, had to cast lots to see which goat was to be sacrificed and which goat was to be set free, **BUT** it took both of them, the goat that died, and the goat that was set free to complete the sacrifice, therefore Bar Abbas, played his part, even though, I am absolutely convinced that he did **NOT** know that he was a shadow picture of the Azazel, that completed the sacrifice for he too was let go back into the wilderness. Amein

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought,  
and your every deed. Until we meet again. Shalom Alechem! Amein*