

Fake News

And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night while we slept.... So they took the money, and did as they were taught, and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

– Matthew 28:12-15 –

One can easily imagine what headlines would have been written in the weeks following our Savior's resurrection had our contemporary "news" outlets been in existence at the time.

CNN - "Crucified Nazarene's Tomb Empty, Followers to Blame"

Apple News - "Soldiers Testify to Sect's Crimes at Empty Grave Site"

MSNBC - "Empty Tomb Result of Disciple's Messianic Conspiracy"

Fox News - "Tomb Empty, Jews Citing Foul Play"

The Hill – "Leaders Confirm Crime, not Miracle, at Empty Grave"

None of these envisioned headlines are incredulous to the careful student of modern-day "journalism." They all cite a central fact – the empty tomb – and then spin either a semi-fictitious tale or a whole-cloth fabrication around that fact to create a replacement narrative that will be easily digestible and widely acceptable to the masses. (It is interesting to note in our text that money is involved with the dissemination of the misinformation as well.)

The current information crisis in the United States that is spreading worldwide at a breathtaking pace is no accident. Satan owns the airwaves and has been practicing the art of his admixtures of truth and error for millennia. He did not stop countering the fact of our Lord's resurrection with the fanciful grave-robbing alibi. He went on in subsequent years to discredit Christ's character and very existence. Today, multiplied millions not only believe that Jesus never rose from the dead, but that He never even existed, or that if He did, the Bible's reports of His divinity are misguided tales or exaggerations. They have not investigated the matter at all – they simply have chosen to accept the repetitious narrative of the Devil's Fake News as opposed to the historically verifiable and life transforming Good News that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day.

The god of this world is also the prince of the power of the air. He is preparing the world for his Man of Sin. Massive amounts of money are being spent to frame facts in fictitious narratives in order to massage the minds of multitudes to receive the ultimate lie. But who hath believed our report? Thank God that we who know Christ are people of truth. Until our Lord returns to take us out of the way, let us resolve to vigorously counter the Enemy's narrative. There are people all around us buying the Devil's Fake News. We own the truth which has the power to release the soul. Let us live it out loudly and foil his deceptive storytelling.