

FOR... OR... AGAINST?

Matthew 12:30

“WHOEVER IS NOT WITH ME IS AGAINST ME, AND WHOEVER DOES NOT GATHER WITH ME SCATTERS.”

Matthew 27: 62-66 NIV

Early Saturday Morning

- ⁶² The next day, on the Sabbath, the leading priests and Pharisees went to see Pilate.
- ⁶³ They told him, *“Sir, we remember what that deceiver once said while he was still alive: ‘After three days I will rise from the dead.’*
- ⁶⁴ *So we request that you seal the tomb until the third day. This will prevent his disciples from coming and stealing his body and then telling everyone he was raised from the dead! If that happens, we’ll be worse off than we were at first.”*
- ⁶⁵ Pilate replied, “Take guards and secure it the best you can.”
- ⁶⁶ So they sealed the tomb and posted guards to protect it.

POWER

INFLUENCE

CONTROL

24-HOURS-LATER

Matthew 28: 11-15 NIV

Early Sunday Morning

- ¹¹ While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened.
- ¹² When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money,
- ¹³ telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.’”
- ¹⁴ If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.”
- ¹⁵ So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

BRIBERY

DECEPTION

COLLUSION

FOR OR AGAINST?

Abuse of

POWER... INFLUENCE... CONTROL

Led to

BRIBERY ... DECEPTION... COLLUSION

FOR OR AGAINST?

- ❑ *Why was this important topic never highlighted or discussed during Easter vigil ?*
- ❑ *Why we never allowed ask where do stand in relation to Jesus **for** or **against** ?*
- ❑ Why weren't we never given any **Spiritual Health Warnings? ...**
 - a) Not all who claim to be religious or have a vocation are on God's side ... indeed it can be quite the opposite...
 - b) For some it all about... power, influence, & control.
 - c) The biggest and most lethal opposition to Christianity comes from within?

