

June 23

The Chief Priests Bribe the Guards to Deceive the People

For the company of the godless shall be barren, and fire shall consume the tents of bribery. They conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. Their heart prepares deceit – Job 15:34-35

[Matthew 28:11-15, Jerusalem, Sunday] “Say that his disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. If this comes to the governor’s ears, we will persuade him and make you free of worry.” So they took the money and did as they were told. This saying was spread abroad among the Jews, and continues until this day.

Now while they were going, behold, some of the guards came into the city, and told the chief priests all the things that had happened. *Say that his disciples ...stole him away*

When they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave a large amount of silver to the soldiers, saying,

1. Do you think Jesus rose from the dead? What’s your proof? What about the guard’s story?
2. How do you “prepare deceit”? How you “persuade” others? What will you do to stop this?
3. Jesus, so many people think you died and that was it, but that doesn’t make sense based on...