

# Can you handle the truth?

Acts 3:12-26



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< Solomon's Porch

Herod's Temple

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[This is] one of the most troublesome texts, relative to anti-Semitic potential, that anyone of us has seen in twenty five years.

It must be emphasized that the main storyline presented Jesus as having been relentlessly pursued by an evil cabal of Jews, headed by the High Priest Caiaphas, who finally blackmailed a weak-kneed Pilate into putting Jesus to death.

This is precisely the storyline that fueled centuries of anti-Semitism within Christian societies.

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But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief,  
he hardened his heart and would not listen to  
Moses and Aaron, just as the Lord had said.

Exodus 8:15



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Those who do not deny themselves on that day  
must be cut off from their people

Leviticus 23:29

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If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 3:29

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