

WHY IS GOD SILENT?

Matthew 27:14

Introduction: In the days of the Bible, it was not unusual for God to speak to one of His chosen and sometimes God spoke to hundreds at a time, such as Israel in the wilderness. God spoke to His prophets very frequently. However, there were times when God was silent and not even His prophets heard from Him. The days when Jesus was on earth, He spoke every day to crowds of people but there were times when He wanted to be away from people and be in a place where He was alone. There were times when Jesus refused to speak, even when asked questions, such as in our text. Looking at our own time, who has heard God's actual voice? Why is God silent today?

I. GOD DOES NOT SPEAK IN AN AUDIBLE VOICE TODAY

1. God does not speak as He did at the baptism of Jesus - *"...This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased..."*
2. Nor does God speak aloud as He did at the Mount of Transfiguration - *"...This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, hear ye him..."*
3. Jesus does not speak today as when He spoke to Paul on the road to Damascus - *"...Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"*

II. WHAT DOES GOD'S SILENCE TODAY MEAN?

1. Does God's silence today mean that He has abandoned our world?
2. Does God not speaking aloud to someone today mean that our sins will go unpunished, all is well?
3. Perhaps God's silence means that He is working on another plan for the world?

III. DOES GOD'S SILENCE TODAY MEAN THAT HE NO LONGER CARES?

1. Just what else can God do for mankind?
2. God sent His Son, Jesus, who gave His flesh and blood for all mankind.
3. God has sent prophets, preachers, missionaries, His Church to tell of His love, care and to warn.
4. God has sent His Holy Spirit to convict people of their sins and to reveal God's great love.

IV. JUST WHAT DOES GOD'S SILENCE MEAN FOR TODAY?

1. God speaks today through the Gospel, delivered by His Church.
2. God has spoken His last words from Heaven until Jesus returns.
3. God is waiting for people to respond to all that He has done to save them.
4. The next time God's breaks His silence and people on earth hear His voice, they had better be ready for judgment will be on it's way.

CONCLUSION:

1. There was a time when God walked and talked with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.
2. There was a time when God spoke to certain men and women.
3. There was a time when God spoke only to His prophets.
4. There was a time when God sent His Son, Jesus, to live among people, die for them, and then to ascend back to heaven.
5. There was a time when God's Son, Jesus, after His ascension, spoke to certain men, like Saul, later called Paul and to the last living disciple, John.
6. God speaks today through the written Word, the Gospel, using His Church to spread His Word.
7. The next time God's voice will be heard, it will be heard by all mankind. For some it will be a time of joy but for most, it will be a time of fear and dread.
8. Are you ready to hear God's voice?