

# A Long Time Ago

## re:pent

verb (used without object)

1. to feel sorry, self-reproachful, or contrite for past conduct; regret or be conscience-stricken about a past action, attitude, etc. (often followed by of ): He repented after his thoughtless act.
2. to feel such sorrow for sin or fault as to be disposed to change one's life for the better; be penitent.

## repentance

Repentance is the activity of reviewing one's actions and feeling contrition or regret for past wrongs.[1] It generally involves a commitment to personal change and resolving to live a more responsible and humane life. In religious contexts it usually refers to confession to God , ceasing sin against God in order to gain forgiveness or absolution. It typically includes an admission of guilt, a promise or resolve not to repeat the offense; an attempt to make restitution for the wrong, or in some way to reverse the harmful effects of the wrong where possible.

Make your choice.

A long time ago a man came into this world to help others. Not in the religious fashion you know today.

According to many writings about him and during his short life many people were relatively poor and in some places overpopulated. People were taxed for many reasons and even for just being in the right place at the wrong time they were taxed. This man witnessed the sufferings of others. His anger was once recorded when he reacted in a violent manner against those who were using a temple for commercial purposes.

In this man's time, there was a mixture of social, political and religious ideologies, Zealots, Sadducees, Pharisees and Essenes.

The Zealots were a revolutionary movement that advocated outward violence and even armed rebellion to rid them of Roman oppression.

The Sadducees in their philosophical tradition were wealthy lay-nobles, priests and aristocrats who sought to conserve their wealth and power through compromise with Rome. These were the least religious group. These were the main opponents to this man and his threat to their power and status.

The Pharisees were the idealists of their society. Most Scribes were Pharisees. they did not believe in compromise with Rome nor did they condone violence. Their emphasis on

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the law could result in legalism. They were deeply religious people and their anger against this man was because he seemed to treat their laws as if they were second in place of the Laws this man spoke of.

The Essenes were the ones who seemed to solve the problem of identity with the Roman Empire. These people would be compared now days to what were called hippies. They opted out of mainstream society. They are quite notable. Here is where this man met a guy named John.

As we know it today but yet to understand it, this man dealt with many different socio-political groups and religious groups that brought him to his own unique life-option. He mentioned to many that his friend John was a greater teacher than he was, yet none believed him.

However, He did go on to be a defender of the poor and oppressed. He performed other acts that made the history books also. But his demise was because he believed in greater laws than the ones man made. Know the truth and it shall set you free.

And with this short story maybe you can understand how politics and religion are intertwined in a much more complex way than we can think of them today.

Go back and read about Him some more and understand he was fighting for you then just as you are fighting for others today. Because the modern day Pharisees and Sadducees doctrines have continued to enslave you. And stay away from the Zealots lest ye receive the sword.

They were oppressed and poor then, we are oppressed and poor now. Know Thy Redeemer. Politicians(“Leaders”) have failed you for many Millenia. Thy Redeemer never will. Amen.

Great is it to repent as this is of paramount importance to the existence of this world and the wrath that is promised.

*“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”*

John 3:19

Bottom Line to those whom enslave Gods children; Turn from your wicked ways!

Peace be with you,