

**CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024**

**Women's History**

*Dr. Gina Stewart, Pastor, Christ Missionary Baptist Church*

*The first woman to preach at the National Baptist Joint Board in January 23, 2024*

**Review and listen to the preach Word delivered by Dr. Gina Stewart at the National Baptist Joint Board to answer the questions**

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1. What was Dr. Gina Stewart's text Scripture(s) and Bible translation?

**ANSWER:** Mark 15:1-15, Matthew 27:19; The New International Version (NIV)

2. Dr. Gina Stewart made this statement after the reading of Scripture text: "The grass withers and the flowers fades, but the Word of God shall stand forever". What is the Scripture book and verse?

**ANSWER:** Isaiah 40:8

3. What is the topic of Dr. Gina Stewart's Message?

**ANSWER:** What will you do with Jesus of Nazareth?

4. Dr. Gina Stewart said that "Dr. Renita Weems describes Pilate as a Quintessential Politician." How did Dr. Weems describe Pilate as a Quintessential Politician?

**ANSWER:** Politically ambitious, yearning for promotion, self-serving, shrewd, calculating Quintessential politician.

5. How did Dr. Stewart describe Barabbas?

**ANSWER:**

An insurrectionist described as a "notorious prisoner, freedom fighter, robber, murderer, zealot and nationalist. A bandit who stole from the rich and gave to the poor."

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6. Dr. Stewart used the word "Propaganda". What information did she share concerning the word "Propaganda"?

**ANSWER:** Dr. Stewart shared that propaganda is rooted in misinformation and rooted in falsehood. "It is the manipulation and framing of narratives political and otherwise that is rooted in biases in nature that is used to promote or publicize a particular view or a particular cause. She shares that propaganda is also the following:

- ✓ Propaganda "is not objective, it's used to influence an audience who does not read, it's used to influence an audience that does not stay abreast of the circumstances, it's used to influence an audience who does not use their critical thinking. It is used to further an agenda by selecting and presenting facts to present a particular synthesis or perception or using loaded language to produce a response to information that is biased and rooted in falsehood. Its information, ideas and rumors deliberately spread widely to help harm a person, institution, a cause or a nation. It's deceptive, it's biased, it's misleading, it's half-truths, designed to persuade and manipulate the masses into believing a lie."
- ✓ Propaganda as stated by Dr. Gina Stewart.
  - A tactic that Hitler used to come to power.
  - The Nazis allowed a course uneducated leader to rise to prominence on white privilege.
  - The Nazi party destroyed media credibility to silence critics.
  - It's the distrust of Journalism and freedom of the press by calling it fake news.
  - Fire hose of falsehood.
  - Stolen election. Spending your tax money and my tax money for rigged voting election. Voter fraud.
  - Lying about a virus that killed over a million people.
  - Destroys institutions, churches, conventions!
  - It's rooted in lies. It's rooted in falsehood.
  - Social media amplifies messaging and anybody with a microphone and a smart phone can get on a platform and go viral through the power of mass replication, even when it's not true, discerning fact from fiction is critical for all of us.

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- Collusion of the religion leaders and the Roman Government whipped the crowd into a frenzy with misinformation and false narrative about false witnesses about the same liberating Lord who fed them free food, who let them get free lunch boxes and it wasn't even a pandemic. The same Lord who healed them and gave them free Health care when it wasn't no Obama Health Care. The same Lord who advocated for them in the phase of Roman oppression. It was the 47 percent that had squarer away with all their benefits but they stood in the crowd and said Jesus to let him be crucify.

7. What did Dr. Stewart say about the "They?"

**ANSWER:**

- They are the ones always talking. They say, they want.
- They don't have no names. The they can get you in trouble.
- They are the one who represented those responsible for worship at the temple.
- They are those that taught in the synagogues.
- They are the guardian of right religion.
- They are the enforcers of a defined faith.
- They are presumed to be the voice of God
- They have double standards of justice.
- They are the ones who balance the budget on the backs of the poor in the name of fiscal responsibility.
- They are the ones who "baptized bigotry and misogyny and sexism, and classism, and heterosexism, and violent abuse, and sexual harassment, and sexual abuse of women at the highest levels of leadership. They are the ones that baptized the mistreatment of the marginalized in every class of minority, and the people and the poor and are suffering. They have normalized lies. They went with chump up charges regarding Jesus.

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8. Why did Dr. Stewart say Jesus is in trouble with the religious leaders?

**ANSWER**

- Jesus challenged their traditions
- Jesus cleaned house in the temple
- Jesus called people from religion to relationship
- Jesus exposed their hypocrisy
- Jesus challenged their morals
- Jesus engaged with people of questionable characters
- Jesus is healing on the sabbath and acting out in ways that make leaders bristle with contempt
- Jesus invited women into his fellowship
- Jesus is getting women to follow him
- Jesus has women as disciples
- Jesus is treating women as equals
- Jesus engaged in theological discourse and a conversation with the woman at the well who everyone thought is a social outcast
- Jesus commissioned the woman at the well to run a revival in the city and the folks got saved
- Jesus actively sort out and engaged with individuals who were often excluded from society
- Jesus dined with tax collectors, he healed lepers, he had social intercourse with those who were deemed to be sinners.
- Jesus spoke out against injustices
- The common people heard Jesus gladly
- Jesus neutralize the power of sin and evil
- Jesus spoke truth to power
- Jesus advocated for the rights of the vulnerable

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9. Dr. Stewart said Jesus rebuked "Social hierarchy". What is the meaning of Social hierarchy per Dr. Gina Stewart?

**ANSWER:** Social hierarchy breaks down communities, social hierarchy is someone wanting to be over you instead of with you, social hierarchy contributes to oppression. Jesus leveled the playing field for everybody, he confronted religious leaders who exploited their positions, he rebuked aggressive practices, he restored dignity and gave wholeness to people who were marginalized and dismissed, they can't control Jesus, they can't make him shut up, when you want stop talking, when they say you don't cooperate, they put you on a black list, He won't cosign on their foolishness and he won't cosign on their self-serving agendas, His unconventional approach their methods and hypocrisy in their religious establishments.

10. Dr. Stewart said that the religion leaders used their spirituality as a smokescreen? Can you elaborate on what she stated as a "smokescreen?"

**ANSWER:**

- The religion leaders used their spirituality as a "smokescreen." She said stop using your spirituality as a smokescreen.
- Dr. Stewart summons religion people to stop using spirituality as a smokescreen (cover up) and blaming God for all this stuff.
- Dr. Stewart stated the following: "If you're prejudiced, just say you're prejudiced. If you're a sexist, say you're a sexist. If you're a racist, just say you're a racist. If you're homophobic, say you're homophobic."

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11. Dr. Stewart said come on out the closet and stop looking for the Sanhedrin's, the religious leaders, a lackey or an Armor Bearer to do your dirty work. If you gone to do dirty work, come on out the closet. Can you share at least three things Dr. Gina Stewart said Pilate had the power to do?

**ANSWER:**

- The power to deliver Jesus.
- The power to shift the trajectory.
- The power to set Jesus free.
- The power to change the narrative.
- The power to enact justice.

12. What did Dr. Stewart say Pilate 'succumbed' to?

**ANSWER:** Pilate succumbed to "political pressure and fear". Despite recognizing Jesus innocence, Pilate chose expediency over righteousness. Faced with the choice of between moral courage and appeasing the crowd, Pilate relinquished his power and ordered Jesus Crucifixion.

13. Dr. Stewart stated that Pilate missed his opportunity for "what"?

**ANSWER:**

Pilate missed an opportunity to stand for justice and equality.

Pilate missed an opportunity to stand for Justice and integrity.

Pilate missed an opportunity to challenge the unjust demands of the crowd

Pilate missed an opportunity to alter the course of history.

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14. What is the one line that Dr. Stewart say is Pilate's legacy?

**ANSWER:** In the Apostle's Creed, he suffered under Pontius Pilate

15. What will you do with Jesus called the king of the Jews or What will you do with Jesus called Jesus of Nazareth?

**ANSWER:** This question is a personal one that each Christian need to think about and answer for themselves.

16. What's her name? Her name is Claudia. Claudia spoke up for Jesus. Will you speak up for Jesus? Will you stand up for Jesus?

**ANSWER:** ????

Speak up for Jesus in your convention, Speak up for Jesus in your churches, Speak up for Jesus in your board rooms, when it's unpopular, when it's uncommon, when it's inconvenience, when they silence you, when they hate you, when no one is looking,