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*The Starry
Night*

Vincent
van Gogh
1889

Some
more of
his family



The ballroom dancing aunt ...Tang
Gogh

The bird lover uncle ...Flamin Gogh

The constipated uncle...Can't Gogh

An aunt who taught positive
thinking ...Way-to-Gogh

The little bouncy nephew...Poe
Gogh

A sister who loved disco...Go Gogh

And his niece who travels the
country in an RV...Winnie Bay Gogh

There ya Gogh!

Progress report

Broken water line that caused all trouble



Pex replacement , freeze resistant water line





- Thursday evening, Dec. 12, plumbing repair done; wiring roughed in for heater and ceiling fan in ladies' room
- Monday Dec. 16 ceiling insulation
- Tuesday Dec. 17-18 framing
- Monday Dec. 23 drywall



מַתִּיָּהוּ **מַתִּיָּהוּ**

(Matthew) 28:11-13

Mattityahu (Matthew) 28:11

בְּשַׁעַה שֶׁהֵלְכוּ בָּאוּ הָעִירָה פִּמָּה מִן
הַשּׁוֹמְרִים וְהוֹדִיעוּ לְרֹאשֵׁי הַכֹּהֲנִים
אֶת כָּל אֲשֶׁר קָרָה.

As they were going, some of the
guards went into the city and
reported to the head *cohanim*
everything that had happened.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 28:12

וְאֲשֵׁי הַכֹּהֲנִים הִתְפַּנְּסוּ עִם הַזְּקֵנִים
וְאַחַר הִתְיַעְצוּת נָתְנוּ לַחֲיָלִים סְכּוּם
כֶּסֶף נָפֶר

Then they met with the elders;
and after discussing the
matter, they gave the soldiers
a sizeable sum of money

Mattityahu (Matthew) 28:13

בְּאֶמְרָם: "הִגִּידוּ כִּדְ: בָּאוּ תַלְמִידָיו
בַּלַּיְלָה וְגָנְבוּ אוֹתוֹ כִּפְּאֶשֶׁר יִשְׁנוּ."

and said to them, "Tell people,
'His talmidim came during the
night and stole his body while
we were sleeping.'

Mattityahu (Matthew) 28:13-15 If the governor hears of it, we will put things right with him and keep you from getting in trouble.” The soldiers took the money and did as they were told, and **this story** has been spread about by **Judeans** till this very day.

A false report was spread to undermine the truth of the Resurrection. Undermining Biblical truth is a main task of the enemy, Ha-Satan.

Courage in the face of [plausible] falsehood is the theme today.

Ro.10.9-10 If you acknowledge publicly with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and trust in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

1 Cor. 15.14, 19 And if Messiah has not been raised, then our proclaiming is meaningless and your faith also is meaningless...If we have hoped in Messiah in this life alone, we are to be pitied more than all people.

Yn 8.44 Satan...has never stood by the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he is speaking in character; because he is a liar — indeed, the inventor of the lie!

Satan is Rev. 12:10 "the accuser of our brothers and sisters—the one who accuses them before our God day and night."

2 Corinthians 10:5

“We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God”



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Eph.6.10-13 authorities and cosmic powers governing this darkness. So take up every piece of war equipment God provides; so that **when the evil day comes, you will be able to resist**; and when the battle is won, you will still be standing.

Let's examine the veracity,
historicity of the resurrection,
this accusation and some other
arguments against the truth of
the resurrection.

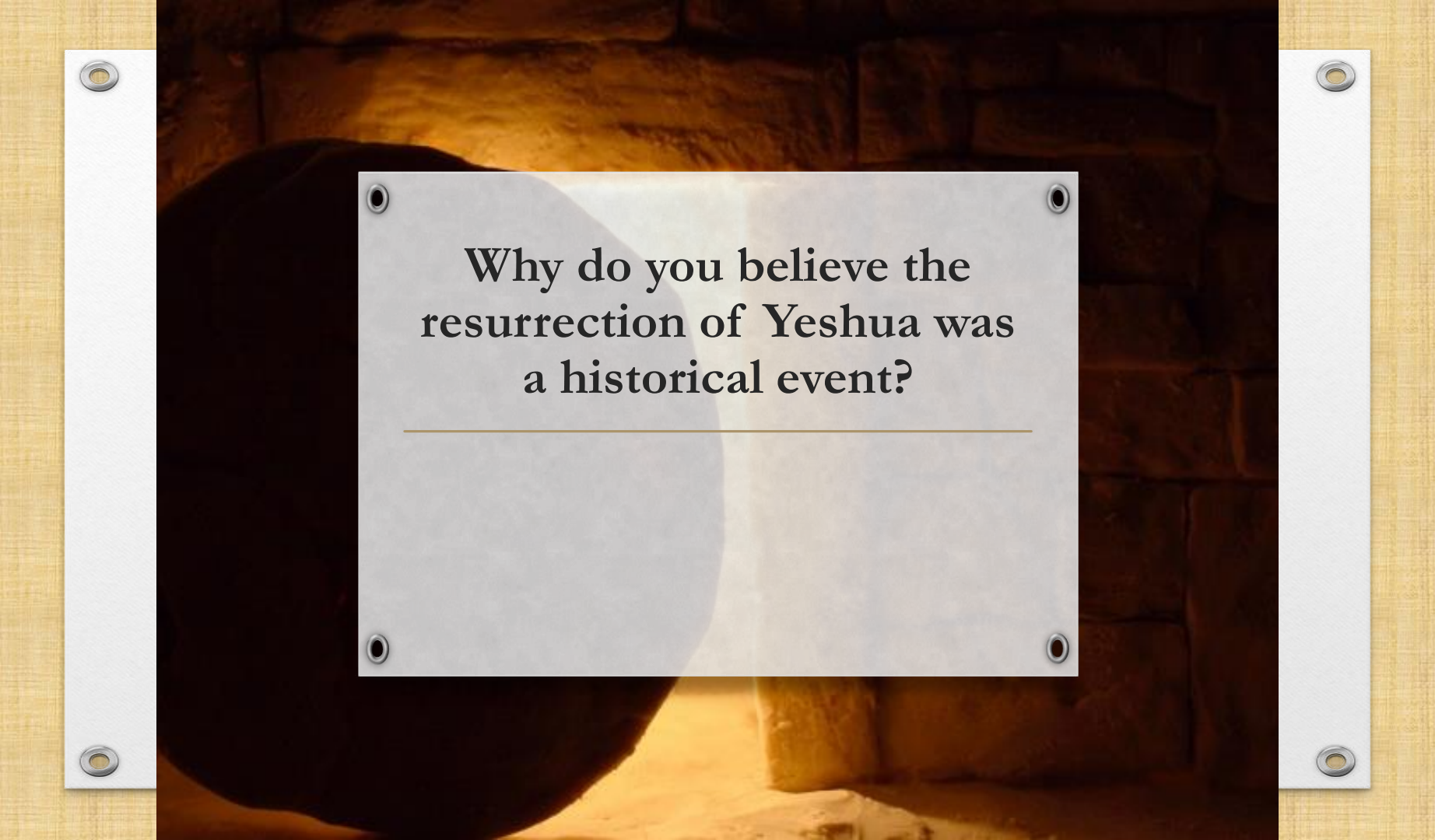
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Jews for
Judaism



**Why do you believe the
resurrection of Yeshua was
a historical event?**

The theft theory

“Tell people, ‘His talmidim came during the night and stole his body while we were sleeping.’”

Is that possible?

The theft theory

1. Those who are accused of stealing the body had no access to the tomb. It was sealed with the seal of Rome.
2. The soldiers were subject to death by crucifixion for dereliction in duty.

3. Security was max. “Make the grave as secure as you know how.” Temple guard or Roman.

4. The stone was huge and had the seal of the Empire.

5. Behavior of His followers was fearful, before Resurrection.

6. How did the soldiers know He was stolen if they were asleep?

7. If sleeping, noise of moving stone and transporting body would have awakened them.

8. The orderliness of the graveclothes--not a theft.

9. Within a few months [after Shavuot/Pentecost] the city was seething with the preaching of resurrection. Easy to stop if body found. No **accusation** of grave robbery in any records.

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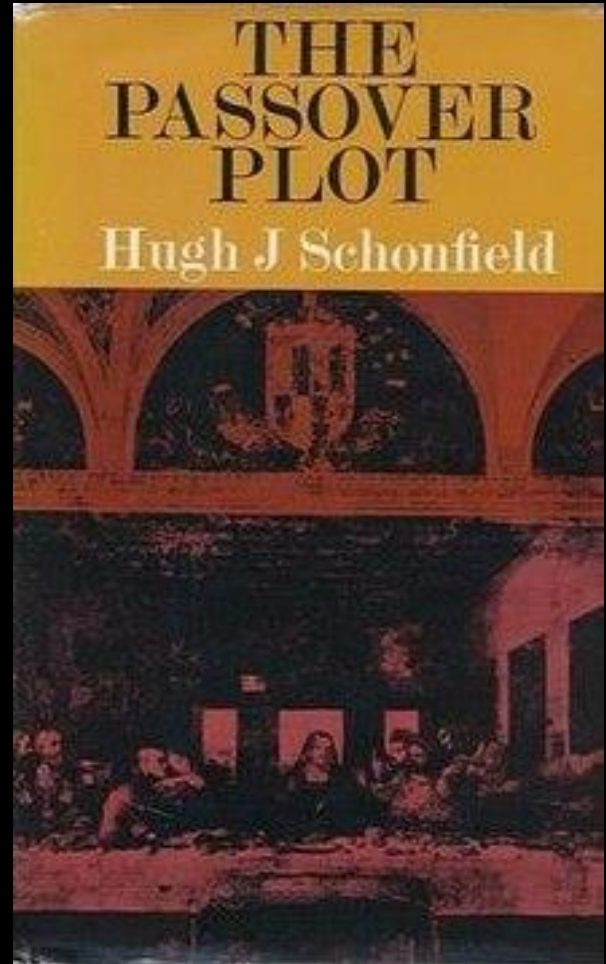
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The swoon theory
[*Passover Plot* by
Hugh Schonfield
1965]



Passover Plot alleges that Yeshua had planned everything.

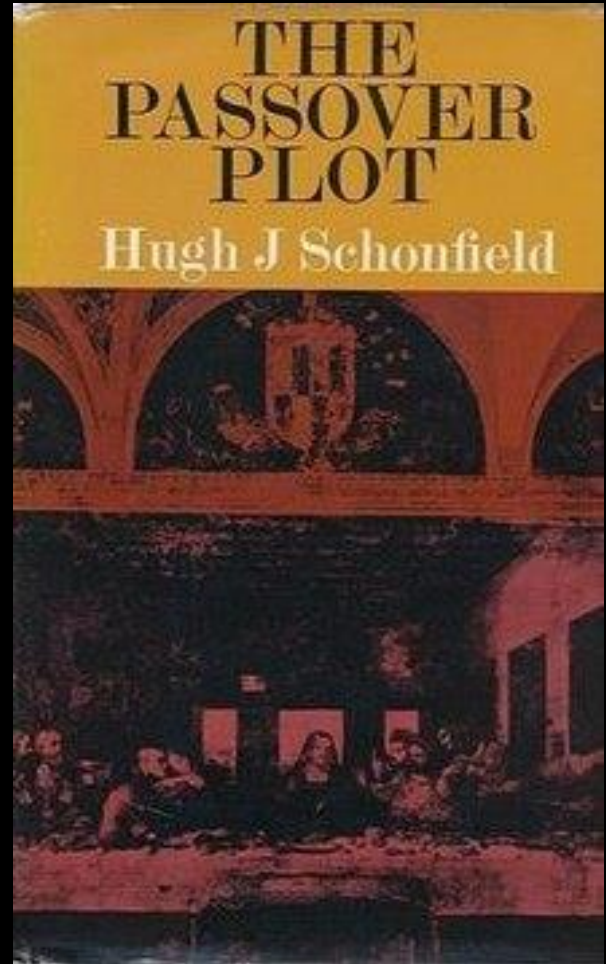
- He would not be on the cross for more than a few hours before the Sabbath arrived when it was required by law that Jews be taken down.

- One of his supporters, who was on hand, would give him water (to quench his thirst) that was actually laced with a drug to make him unconscious.

- **Joseph of Arimathea, a well-connected supporter, would collect him off the cross while still alive (but appearing dead) so that he could be secretly nursed back to health.**

The swoon theory
Passover Plot

Consider the author:
Hugh Schonfield



Hugh Schonfield (London, 1901 – 1988.)

Schonfield was one of the original Dead Sea Scrolls team members. A leading Hebrew Christian. In 1937 Schonfield was expelled from the Executive Committee of International Hebrew Christian Alliance (IHCA),

of which he had been a member since 1925, now the International **Messianic Jewish Alliance**. He later associated with Messianic Judaism for a while, but was bitterly disillusioned by the experience.

Daniel Juster corresponded with Schonfield. Schonfield confirmed to him that he indeed had had a bad experience with the organization. He said that after that experience he began to rethink everything

and came to new conclusions...
Schonfield indicated to Juster
that Juster's faith in Messianic
Judaism was naive and that he
would have to someday "grow
up" as Hugh Schonfield had
done.

I don't know who was at fault, but the fact is that Shonfield's doubts grew out of his wounding and unresolved bitterness.

Col 3.12-14 Therefore, as God's
chosen people, holy and dearly
loved, clothe yourselves in
tender compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness, and
patience— bearing with one
another and forgiving each other,

Col 3.12-14 **if anyone has a quarrel against another.** Just as the Lord pardoned you, so also you must pardon others. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfect harmony

Swoon Theory Refutation

1. Victims of crucifixion seldom recovered.
2. Hematadrosis, trial, thorn crown on the scalp, flogging, crucifixion, ~36 hrs in tomb without water, food, care, then wriggle out of grave clothes.

remove the boulder without waking the guards, or fought them off. Walk 7 miles to Emmaus, then back. Then appear to His followers as having vanquished death. 40 days surprise appearances, then Ascension narrative...disappear.

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Hallucination Theory

All of Messiah's post-execution appearances were imagined, delusions, or group hallucinations.

Hallucination theory

Clinical
psychologist Dr.
Gary A. Sibcy
points out that even
two people

A LAWYER'S CASE
FOR HIS

FAITH



AUTHOR OF

A Lawyer's Case for God & A Lawyer's Case for the Resurrection

JIM JACOB, ESQ.

**experiencing the same
hallucination simultaneously has
never been known to occur:**

I have surveyed the professional literature written by psychologists, psychiatrists, and other relevant healthcare professionals during the past two decades and have yet to find a single

documented case of a group hallucination, that is, an event for which more than one person purportedly shared in a visual or other sensory perception where there was clearly no external referent.

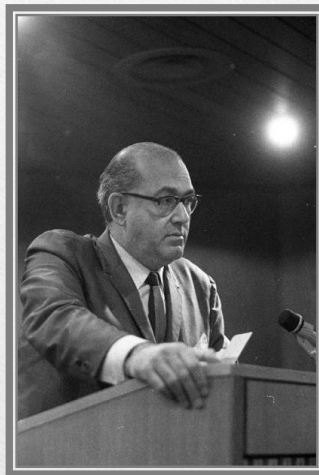
It is incredulous to believe that over 500 people experienced the same hallucination of a resurrected Yeshua who was walking, talking, and preaching among them again.

Even if one can overlook the incredible improbability of a mass hallucination, the theory arises from the argument that the hallucination occurred because of immense despair. The transformation of Paul uproots this argument because he was not experiencing despair.

Dr. Pinchas Lapidé

**“no vision or hallucination
is sufficient to explain such
a revolutionary
transformation [of the
disciples].”**

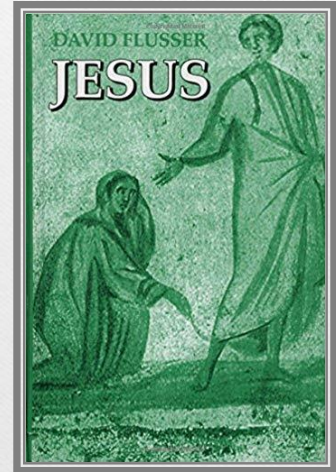
- The Resurrection of Jesus: A Jewish Perspective, pgs. 125-26



Dr. David Flusser

“I am convinced that there are reliable reports that the Crucified One ‘appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time . . . Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.’”

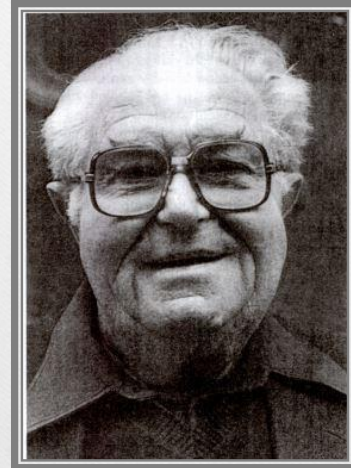
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“The Lord’s brother, James, came to believe as a result of a resurrection appearance. In 62 A.D. James died for his faith in his brother; he was murdered by a Sadducean high priest.”

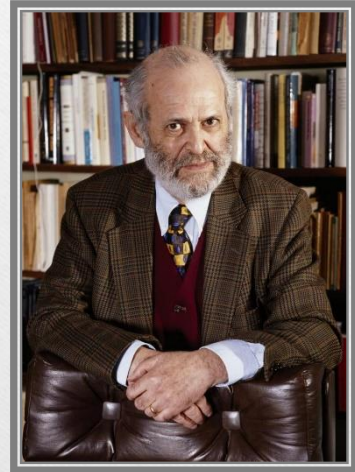
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Dr. Geza Vermes

“It is their collective conviction of having seen their dead teacher alive, combined with the initial discovery of the empty tomb, that provides the substance for faith in Yeshua’s rising from the dead.”

- Jesus the Jew: A Historians Reading of the Gospels, pg. 41



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Wrong tomb theory

Argument: the women got mixed up, and found an open tomb, expecting a closed one. The gardener guessed their mistake, and said, “He is not here...see where they laid him.” [next tomb]

Refutation: if they did go to the wrong tomb, the Sanhedrin could have gone to the right tomb, produced the body, and ended the cause.

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The “laws” of science are based on induction: what happened in the past will happen again.

- Drop your pen.
- Induction= generalized conclusion from particular instances.

Who/what enforces the “law” of gravity?

We believe that the universe is consistent, and gravity and other laws will prevail.

That is just faith.

There is a overriding Intelligence

Who enforces the scientific laws.

So, that Intelligence can and does
make **exceptions = miracles**

More amazing that phenomena are
consistent at all times, places.

If unimpeachable witnesses saw the
Resurrected Messiah, He was!

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1 Cor. 15.20-21 But the fact is that the
Messiah *has been raised from*
the dead, the firstfruits of those
who have died. For since death
came through a man, also the
resurrection of the dead has
come through a man.

Ro.10.9-10 If you acknowledge publicly with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and trust in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Ro.10.9-10 For with the heart one goes on trusting and thus continues toward righteousness, while with the mouth one keeps on making public acknowledgement and thus continues toward deliverance.

**All the accusations of the enemy
about the Resurrection are false
and disprovable!**

**Repent of your sins, believe in
His resurrection to empower you
in new life!**

**What about some other
falsehoods that have great sway
in our culture?**

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Times
Square
call for
Intifada
in every
class-
room



Rick Wiles Answers Michael Brown's Criticisms of Anti-Semitism; Brown Responds

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Rick Wiles (left) and Michael Brown (right) (*Vimeo/Right Wing Watch* | *Facebook/Michael L Brown*)

Rick Wiles (1954 or 1955–), the host of the TruNews radio program is a far-right fundamentalist Christian radio host and conspiracy theorist. Wiles claims that "the Jews ... are deceivers, they plot, they lie, they do whatever they have to do to accomplish their political agenda. This 'impeach Trump' effort is **a Jew coup.**

That's what's at the heart of it. You have been taken over by a Jewish cabal.

"The church of Jesus Christ, you're next. Get it through your head! They're coming for you. There will be a purge. That's the next thing that happens **when Jews take over a country, they kill millions.**"

Oct. 27, 2018: A white supremacist kills 11 Jews during Sabbath services in a Pittsburgh synagogue, wounding seven others. The Pittsburgh shooter proclaimed that "All Jews must die!"

April 27, 2019: A Presbyterian Christian, concerned that the Jews are destroying the white, European races, opens fire during Sabbath, Passover services in a synagogue in Poway, California, killing one and wounding three others.

Dec.10, 2019: Two shooters, target a kosher grocery in Jersey City, New Jersey, resulting in four fatalities. The male shooter has alleged ties to the anti-Semitic, racist group called the Black Hebrew Israelites. His anti-Semitic views have been revealed, with his nearly illegible manifesto claiming his murderous acts were "God's will."


**Not to display here, but at home
when you get the notes, profane
anti-Semitic rant in Jersey City
blamed the Jews for the attack
this week:**

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1204806510762741760>

**Another accusation of Jews or
Israel, for comic relief actually:**

A recent Twitter post reported on a Mossad agent that was captured in northern Saudi Arabia.

The official Saudi report determined that the “Mossad agent” was an Israeli vulture armed with photographic and “espionage” equipment.

A close-up photograph of a vulture, likely a Griffon Vulture, with a tracking device attached to its body. The bird has a large, dark, hooked beak and is looking slightly to the left. Its feathers are a mix of brown and white, with a prominent white patch on its neck. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting. The text is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

The bird is merely a vulture with a tracking device attached to his body by the Veterinary Department of Tel-Aviv University.

In fact, a few years ago another vulture was captured in Lebanon and was immediately accused of being part of an Israeli attempt to spy on Hezbollah. Sharks, pigeons, storks and even squirrels are all animals that have been reported in recent years as being used by the Mossad.

Ya'akov
was left
alone.
Then
some man
wrestled
with him
until
daybreak.



וַיֹּאמֶר, לֹא יִעֲקֹב יֵאמָר עוֹד שְׁמִי--כִּי, אִם-
יִשְׂרָאֵל: כִּי-שָׂרִיתָ עִם-אֱלֹהִים וְעִם-אֲנָשִׁים, וַתּוֹכַל

Beresheet/Gen 32.29 Then the man said,
“From now on, you will no longer be
called Ya‘akov, but Isra‘el; because
you have **shown your strength to both
God and men and have prevailed.**”

David Ben-Gurion once said,
“Courage is a special kind of
knowledge, the knowledge of
how to fear what ought to be
feared and how not to fear what
ought not to be feared.

From this knowledge comes an inner strength that inspires us to push on in the face of great difficulty. What can seem impossible is often possible with courage.”

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1. Receive the resurrected Yeshua for atonement and forgiveness.
2. Receive the fullness of His Spirit.
3. Walk in courage, speaking the truth in love.