

Faith Heroes

Truth, Justice and the American Way

Superman: Truth, Justice and the American Way video.

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1) Jesus didn't fight for the American Way

Be on your guard. against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

Luke 12:15

I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?

Matthew 6:25

A teacher of the law came to him and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." 20 Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." Matthew 8:19,20

2) Jesus didn't fight for truth, he embodied it

5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." John 14:5-7

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Scooter at the beach

After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself. John 6:14-15

3) Jesus didn't fight for justice

Psalm 11:7 *For the Lord is righteous, he loves justice; the upright will see his face.*

Psalm 33:5 The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Psalm 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you

Exodus 23:6 "Do not deny justice to your poor people in their lawsuits.

Deuteronomy 27:19 "Cursed is anyone who withholds justice from the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow."

Isaiah 1:17 Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow

***53** They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together. **54** Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire. **55** The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they*

did not find any. 56 Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree. 57 Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: 58 "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.'" 59 Yet even then their testimony did not agree. 60 Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" 61 But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" 62 "I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." 63 The high priest tore his clothes. "Why do we need any more witnesses?" he asked. 64 "You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him as worthy of death. 65 Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophecy!" And the guards took him and beat him. Mark 14:53-65

In what ways do you get drawn into the American way of wanting more and more for yourself?

Are you living your life by God's truth or your own truth?

Are you the kind of person that will fight for the justice of the people around you? What battle against injustice do you need to start waging?