

Christians, Let's Denounce Antisemitism Now

As followers of Jesus we are often grieved over the compromise and cowardice of previous generations of American Christians. With righteous indignation, we say, "Had I lived in the days of slavery or segregation, I would have taken a stand. I would have spoken up!"

In the same way, we decry the compromise and cowardice of European Christians during the Holocaust. We state with deep conviction, "I would have been like Dietrich Bonhoeffer! I would have acted like Corie Ten Boom!" In the process, we condemn our own similar behavior today.

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This is reminiscent of the Lord's words to the religious hypocrites of His day, when He said, "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous. And you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' So you testify against yourselves that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets. Go ahead, then, and complete what your ancestors started!" (Matt. 23:29–32, NIV).

Not many days later, some of these same men were complicit in the death of the Son of God, who was the preeminent prophet sent to Israel.

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Today, when university protesters celebrate the death of Jews, shouting, "We are Hamas," it is time for Christians across the nation to speak up on behalf of Israel and the Jewish people.

As these protesters chant, "Hamas make us proud, kill another soldier now," Christians must shout even louder, "This must stop on our campuses, and it must stop now."

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