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## The enemies of truth

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*So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' And*

*if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day. (Matthew 28, 8-15)*

Faced with the fact of Jesus's empty tomb, men of good testify what happened while those of ill will changed the story by adapting reality according to their own desires. With the false testimony of the guards ordered to watch over the sepulchre and that of Jesus's adversaries, the logical contradiction is clear: if the guards were really asleep, then how could they have seen the disciples taking Jesus's body away? Let us never be deceived by the enemies of Christ, who are also enemies of the truth.