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Some Comments to the Newsweek Article of February 16, 2004

So horrendous has been the cost to the Jewish community of the cry, "Christ-killer," that any references of the crucifixion of Jesus are shunned with horror. Now with the advent of Mel Gibson's film, *The Passion of the Christ*, Jewish fears are again being stirred coming as it is in a season of heightened anti-Semitism throughout the world.

The question remains, however, what if the charge of Christ-killer is true? The New Testament accounts seem to indicate that, indeed, the charge is true. In his first public messages to Jewish hearers, the Apostle Peter in Acts 2:23, 36 and 3:15 and 4:10 all unequivocally indict "all the people of Israel" in his death sprinkle many nations; the king shall shut their mouths at him, for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider (Isaiah 52:15).

So also do I suspect, that this controversial film is a last days' provision of God to enable men, especially us Jews, to see what had not been told us! May we consider what we had not been told. Even those believers, already saved, seeing the film as preview, were stunned, pierced to their depths by the enactment of their faith. The gospel, the apostle Paul reminds us, is the power of God unto salvation. Jesus said: "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32).

Despite all disputation, all conjecture of the social effect of the film, the very viewing, the making visible of what had not been told us, will perform its inexorable, indefinable work. We will be undone, skewered, left gasping-as if in one fell swoop the whole fabric, the curtain of unreality had been torn asunder to reveal the ineffable glory. Sentence has been passed on the God-rejecting world; the arm of the Lord has been revealed; we have believed the report (Isaiah 53:1) and are saved! All categories are eclipsed; all religious distinctions dissolved; Reality triumphs indisputably! We believe. This is the work of God that you believe in Him whom He has sent-Whom He has raised! He has risen from the dead, He is Lord. To him every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

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