Our mission remains—to spread the Gospel, love God with all our heart, and love our neighbors, even those who are different from us. For on these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

"Lying is a sin, but lying about Jesus is a grave offense against truth itself." — teddy

"Lying is wrong, but deceiving in the name of Jesus is a sin against both God and man." — teddy

"All lies are sinful, but to lie about Jesus is to distort the very foundation of truth." — teddy

"Lying is a sin, and to lie about Jesus is to betray the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life" — teddy

We all understand that sin is sin. In the eyes of the Almighty, there is no hierarchy—sin "A" and sin "B" are equal.

"For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it." (James 2:10).

Whether it's lying, cheating, stealing, murder, or sexual immorality, all fall short of God's holiness. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23). And everyone, without exception, can benefit from being honest with God.

That's why it's ironic when a pastor— who is a Doctor of Philosophy— claims that Jesus refused to eat with sinners—especially with homosexuals. That teaching delivered to the congregation was a lie. But here's the truth: Jesus sat with sinners, dined with them, and extended grace, not rejection. To preach otherwise is not only unbiblical—it's a sin in itself. Lying on Jesus is a sin.

Matthew 21:31 (NIV)
"Which of the two did what his father wanted?"
"The first," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you."

Jesus was addressing the chief priests and elders, using a parable to illustrate that those who repent and believe—such as tax collectors and prostitutes—are entering God's kingdom before the self-righteous religious leaders who rejected His message.

Misrepresenting Jesus Is a Form of Persecution

If a preacher knowingly spreads falsehoods about Jesus—like claiming He wouldn't eat with homosexuals—and there is a homosexual person in the audience, that is a form of spiritual persecution. Jesus warned against those who falsely accuse or exclude others in His name:

- "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Matthew 5:11-12)
- "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to." (Matthew 23:13)

Those who teach falsely will be judged more strictly (*James 3:1*), because Jesus calls His followers to truth and love, not to use His name to wound others.

A Call to Repentance

So my advice? Repent. Be honest with God. A good starting point is saying, "Lord, I'm sorry for lying to the congregation about Jesus. Forgive me for I have lied on Jesus."

And as for me? I raise a hallelujah in the presence of those who persecute me.

