He Didn’t Say a Mumbling Word…or Did He

This statement comes from Isaiah 53:7 which reads “*Though mistreated, he was submissive- he did not open his mouth. Like a lamb led to be slaughtered, like a sheep silent before it’s shearers, he did not open his mouth” (CJB).*  We know that the scripture is accurate, but the interpretation of it is not. In this verse we must know that Yeshua deliberately chooses not to defend himself from false accusations and execution *(1 Peter 2:23)*; he could have easily called down dozens of armies of angels to help him, but if he did that the Father’s plan would not have been fulfilled *(Matthew 26:53-54).* It is only by “silently” accepting the suffering could he bring blessings to others. *(Matthew 26:39b, 42)*

The definition of mumbling is uttering with a low voice or saying something that no one can understand. Yeshua never mumbled; His Words were precise. The interpretation of His suffering was that he just went though it without saying a word or He spoke so low that no one could understand Him. When scripture is read through our emotions, we misinterpret and translate it incorrectly which causes us to only relate to it according to our situation instead of God’s meaning and intention for it. This misinterpretation has taken away the true meaning of Yeshua’s silence and takes away the authority of scripture. To think that Yeshua never opened his mouth during the time of mistreatment would cause us to think that in the midst of abuse we should remain silent. We do not have to take up our own defense because vengeance belongs to the Lord *(Romans 12:17-20*); however, we do not have to be silent, but speak what is given to us to say through the Ruach HaKodesh *(Holy Spirit)*.

When we look at the gospel of Yeshua, written through the testimony of the disciples, it is clear that Yeshua spoke throughout his entire ministry even as he was preparing for the crucifixion. When Yeshua opened his mouth, he spoke of his identity, the reason why He came and of the Kingdom of Heaven; his words were purposeful and revealed his power, strength and authority as we see in the following statements:

* **“I AM”** *(Mark 14:62 & John 18:5-8)*

During the time of his arrest, when asked if He was the Mashiach, Ben-HaM’vorakh *(Son of the Blessed, Son of* *God, the Anointed One),* he responded “I AM” meaning he is the eternal God, who was, and who is the One who was here from the beginning and will be to the end. This response confirmed his identity as being pre-incarnate, the very essence of Truth. The Hebrew word for “I AM” is ‘Ani’ and when ‘khi’ is added it makes the word a very definite, deliberate action (Anokhi), meaning “Because I AM” *(Matthew 22:32, Mark 12:26 & Acts 7:32 which all equate to Exodus 3:6)*.

* **“Father forgive them, they don’t understand what they are doing” (***Luke 23:24)*

Yehua also said, “Father forgive them, they don’t understand what they are doing”, which is his intercessory prayer for mankind, that reveals his mercy and grace.

* **“It is accomplished”** *(John 19:28-30)*

Yeshua also said, “It is accomplished”, which revealed his entire reason for coming to the earth (to free us from sin, reconcile us back to the Father and restore the Kingdom *(Acts 1:6-8)),* bringing to completion the Father’s purpose and plan for mankind. Yeshua spoke of accomplishing what Adonai had called Him to do before accomplishing it. In John 4:33- 34 he said “My food is to do what the one who sent me wants and to bring his work to completion” and in John 17:4 He said, “I glorified you on earth by finishing the work You gave me to do.” The Hebrew word for accomplish is kala which means to be prepared and made ready for; to be completed, finished. Yeshua was prepared from the time He began His ministry (Matt. 16.21, Mark 8.31-32, Luke 9.21-22) to the end of His ministry (John 19.30).

As we can see Yeshua definitely opened his mouth during his crucifixion; he spoke when it was necessary to speak, but there were times which he remained silent and even then his silence spoke. Yeshua remained silent while being asked the same questions that he answered during his time of teaching, by his accusers (those who claimed to know God, but were not looking for him); Yeshua knew that their hearts were not looking for the true answer. Yeshua’s silence demonstrated the following:

* **strength/power** *(Psalm 46:10)*,
* **authority***(Philippians 2:6; 9-11)*,
* **discipline** *(Matthew 27:12)*
* **obedience** *(Philippians 2:8, Hebrews 5:8—9)* to the Father because it was the Father’s will for him to suffer, die and be resurrected in order to reconcile mankind back to the Father.

If someone does not respond while being insulted it is thought of as being weak or afraid, but Yeshua displayed strength and maintained authority during his silence which teaches us that a person who knows their identity and purpose does not have to always respond. (*Matthew 5:11)*

It is dangerous to misinterpret or inaccurately translate scripture because it reduces the authority, power and strength of God and moves us into erroneous teaching. Despite the song that has been sung for many years it is important for us to know that Yeshua does not mumble; mumbling causes confusion and God is not the author of confusion; He speaks with clarity to every situation.

**Why is this important?**

The Holy scriptures are being twisted and used inaccurately which reduces Yeshua’s power and strength and leads people away from knowing and understanding who He is and His plan for humanity. Because of incorrect translations and misinterpretations, the truth of God’s Word is not being taught. God intended His Word to be a guide and encouragement for Holy living and most importantly His Word tells of His plan from beginning to end *(2Timothy 3:16*); therefore, scripture should be interpreted by the One who wrote it *(2 Peter 1:20-21)*.

**What should be accomplished from this?**

To encourage all to seek the Lord, and actively listen to and rely on the Ruach HaKodesh *(Holy Spirit)* for understanding of the Word of God.

To encourage believers to be like the Bereans, who did not solely rely on what was being told to them, but searched out the Word of God to see if what was being said was true. Acts 17:11-12

To remind the believer to take courage during times of persecution because just as Yeshua accomplished His purpose by the Spirit of God, so shall we!

**What demonic activity does this come against?**

* **Mute spirit**- disables or hinders the ability to speak
* **Spirit of Error**- hinders your ability to discern or perceive truth from error (1 John 4:1-3)
* **Lying spirit**- false declarations, distorted facts used to deceive and give incorrect perception
* **Being led by emotions-** misusing the Word of God; using it to validate emotions (Galatians 5:16-17)