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THE EMPTY PEW**W. Jene Miller**

There was Jesus, going around healing people who were sick. And, all the time, he was building a terrific following. Oh, the healthy and rich didn't have much time for him. But, the exploited, desperate, downtrodden masses flocked in increasing numbers to him.

So, the establishment sought to wipe him out. They didn't dare attack him, or have him assassinated—at least not yet. But they wanted to shut him up. They tried a very simple gesture. They accused him of working for the enemy. They said he is really only trying to gain confidence so he can exploit the people. They could not deny the great good he was doing, nor the need for it, but they attacked his motives.

Now, I haven't read all the evidence in the Kennedy assassination investigation. Nor have any of those who criticize people for questioning the conclusions. Oh, they have read the little one-volume book of conclusions, but they have not read the detailed and nearly 30-volume set of books of evidence. Nor have they refuted the evidence which has provoked the questions. They have simply attacked the motives of Jim Garrison, Mark Lane, Penn Jones, Jay Epstein and company.

This does not say that Garrison and his cohorts are right or wrong. It does say that we need to stick to the issues. We need to examine the evidence they continually bring forth. It says we must be concerned with whether or not the conclusions were justified, or whether we need to re-examine the evidence.

Certainly, the men who are paying the price of personal threats, recriminations and devastating public contempt, are not doing it for the fun. If they wanted to make money, they could copy the big press and TV media. They could say what peo-

ple wanted to hear. They could pour oil on the troubled waters.

I do not know all the people involved in the counter-investigations, but those whom I know are loyal, competent Americans. This I know for sure. They may or may not be wrong in their conclusions. But the ones I know are working in the face of literal death threats. Their families are in peril and their own lives forfeit to their work.

What concerns me is that big-moneyed people in powerful places are more intent in silencing them than in disproving them. Just how is the evidence wrong?

Jesus told his accusers they had committed the Unforgiveable Sin. Have we?