

Church

Jesus is crucified on the cross by his own people

Sunday school lesson

DEATH ON THE CROSS

(Luke 23:32-48)

"When Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, Father, into thy hands I commend my Spirit: and having said this, He gave up the ghost." (Luke 23:46)

It was on Friday, about three o'clock in the afternoon when Jesus spoke these words from a cross on a hill called Golgotha, meaning "place of skulls." It was Springtime in Jerusalem, about April on our calendar, AD 30. To the people of Judea and Galilee, He was known as Jesus, a carpenter's son from Nazareth. To His disciples, and believers, He was Christ, the Messiah.

God, the Father, thirty three years earlier, had sent His Son to earth in

human form for just this purpose, Seeing the event of this day outside of the context of God working His will in history is to miss much. Jesus on the cross was there purposely to pay the penalty for all of mankind's sin, even those who were guilty of His crucifixion.

Through His death God, the creator, was making a new covenant with man—it, too, was a blood covenant, sealed with the shed blood of Jesus. The new covenant would be one of love and grace instead of laws. It would be written in the hearts of man and not on tablets of stone. We Christians respond to Jesus' crucifixion with mixed emotions.

There is, at once, sadness because of Jesus' pain and suffering, and

gladness that He provided the way of salvation. Dr. Billy Graham has said of the cross event that there were 72,000 angels with swords drawn ready to deliver Jesus from this death but God stayed their hands.

It is important to note that Jesus' death on the cross was as a human being. He suffered the same agony, pain and humiliation that other humans would have. He was indeed God incarnate, but on the cross He was Jesus, the human.

CRUCIFIXION

When Pilate turned Jesus over for crucifixion, He was taken, as was the customary procedure to be scourged. History indicates that the procedure for a scourging varied. In Jesus' case it is believed that He

underwent the most severe kind. Four stakes were driven into the ground to form a square design. The legs were spread and bound firmly to two stakes. The body was bent forward and the arms bound to the remaining two stakes.

In this position the torso was suspended and unobstructed. The whip used was something akin to a "cat-of-nine-tails," several long leather thongs attached to a handle.

The end of the thongs had attached to them bits of metal, or bone. Each lash of the whip would open up dozens of wounds on the body.

With dozens, perhaps hundreds of open wounds, the body would go into shock. From the scourging, there a long walk to the place of crucifixion.

In Jesus' weakened condition, Simon, the Cyrenian, carried His cross. As the procession moved through the city the wailing of women pierced the air. Jesus said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for Me, but weep for yourselves and your children." (Vs 28) At the crucifixion site a crowd had gathered.

The cross lay on the ground, the hands and feet had been spiked to the wooden beams, the cross was raised, the end poised over the hole in the ground and finally, when the angle was right, it slid into the hole and dropped with a thud. How it must have torn the tissues of the hands and feet. Finally, if all the agony was not enough, our Lord hung there naked before His family, friends and a jeering crowd.

Oh, the humiliation. Before removal from the cross, it was customary that the victims of crucifixion have their legs broken, but in Jesus' case this was not done in fulfillment of Scriptural prophecy. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16) (Lesson based on the International Sunday School Lessons)

Church News

First Baptist schedule

The First Baptist Church Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. with the superintendent in charge. Morning worship starts at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor J.H. London preaching from the subject "Let Justice Prevail" Micah 3:1. The Holy Communion will be served. The senior choir will be singing under the direction of Barbara

Shannon, organist.

The First Baptist Church and Pastor London will be special guest at Poplar Run A.M.E. Zion Church, Winfall, N.C. at 2:00 p.m. for their annual Men's Day worship. The Rev. A. Hataway is Host Pastor. Pastor London will preach from the Test "Enoch Initiated God" Heb. 11:3.

London to conduct revival

The Rev. J.H. London will be conducting Holy Week Revival at the St. John Baptist Church, Creswell, N.C.

nightly at 8:00 p.m. The Rev. D.W. Lamb is Host Pastor.

Services set

New Hope United Methodist Church will hold services Sunday April 12 through April 14 at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Ed Privett, Pastor of Southern Pines United Methodist Church, Southern Pines, N.C. will bring the

messages.

Good Friday Services will be held at New Hope United Methodist Church on April 17 at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Sunrise service planned

The Hertford Baptist Church will have an Easter Sunrise Service at Missing Mill Park, Grubb on April 19, 6:30 a.m. In case of inclement weather, services will be held at the

church.

Coffee, doughnuts and fellowship will follow the service in the Senior Citizens Building.

Gospel hour planned

New Bethel Baptist Church Sunday School begins at 10:00 a.m. with Deacon Levi Brothers, superintendent in charge. Morning worship service begins at 11:30 a.m. with the young adult choir and the youth ushers in charge.

Hour with the J.H. London Crusaders, the Eastern Star Church of God in Christ of Edenton, Jerry Zackery and The Drifters, and The New Bethel Baptist Male Chorus providing the best in gospel music. The Rev. William Sawyer is the pastor. The public is invited to attend.

Holy week services set

Hertford Baptist Church, 124 Market St., Hertford, 12 noon-12:30 will host Holy Week Services April 13-16, 1987.

Wednesday, April 15—The Rev. Henry Bizzel, Hertford United Methodist Church.

Thursday, April 16—The Rev. Ben Wolverton, Hertford Trinity Episcopal Church.

At 12:30 a soup and sandwich luncheon will be served in the fellowship hall of the Hertford Baptist Church.

Easter service set

Snug Harbor Community Church and the Civic League will have an Easter Service at 7 a.m., April 19th. It will be held in the park at the end of Snug Harbor Road. The Rev. Stanley Nixon will be speaking.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served at the conclusion of the service. The public is invited to attend.

In the event of rain the service will be cancelled.

Saunders grove revival set

The beginning of Spring Revival at Saunders Grove Baptist Church, April 15, 1987 thru April 19, 1987 at 8:30 p.m., with prayer service each night. There will be a different guest minister each night with his congregation, choir and ushers. Leading up to the 3rd Sunday morning service at 11:00 a.m.

Rev. A.C. Robinson and First Baptist Church congregation, choir and ushers.

Friday Night—April 17, The Rev. James Lightfoot and New Haven Baptist Church in charge.


Sunday Morning—April 19, The Rev. Jerald Perry and Saunders Grove Baptist Church Youth Choir and ushers are in charge.

At 2:00 p.m., the youth of Saunders Grove Baptist Church will be celebrating their anniversary. The public is invited to attend.



Pictured above is Emma Burke as she demonstrates wok cooking at the Local Chef's Spectacular

Dear friends,



Some persons, especially those without living relatives, may wish the assurance of a funeral and burial to meet their personal beliefs, and life style. For them, prearrangement in writing with their funeral director may be the answer. Prearranging can also be arranged. We welcome your inquiry on prearrangement.

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DON'T FENCE ME IN

George Milmore, Pastor
Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

They nailed him to a cross and let him die. And that was that or so they thought. They built a fence around him and shut him out. This man who had come so that men might have life more abundant, he wanted a chance to show men God, they didn't quite know what to do with him, so they crucified him. They nailed him upon a crude, wooden cross. It was better that way or so they supposed.


For nineteen hundred years the world has tried to build a fence around Jesus. The first fence with a cross. But that way did not succeed nor could it succeed.

They could kill the body; they could not kill the soul. They could destroy the flesh; they could not destroy the spirit which the flesh incarnated, especially a spirit which in the hour of its greatest hurt could cry out, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

The cross having failed, the world turned to a far more subtle way of disposing of Jesus: it worshipped him. It put him up on a high altar with its ornate and costly symbols and fenced him in there. It said to him: "Stay there. That is where you belong. Stay there, and when Sundays come, we shall worship you."

All the while Jesus keeps pleading: "Don't fence me in. Let me down from your crosses. Let me down from your altars. Let me out of the four walls of your churches. Let me into your minds and hearts. Let me into your homes. Let me into your offices and your marts of trade. Let me into your communities and the councils of your statesmen. I want to get back where I started, walking in the common ways of men and talking with them about how to live and how to lie together. Give me my chance. Don't fence me in."

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**INSIGHT INTO
EYESIGHT**

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HOW CATARACTS AFFECT VISION

As you get older, the chance that a cataract may develop in one or both eyes becomes more likely. A cataract is any imperfection in the clarity of the lens of the eye. This condition usually comes on very gradually, so gradually that you may not know you have this eye defect until it begins to interfere with your ability to see clearly.

The lens of your eye must be clear so it can allow light to pass through to the retina at the back of the eye. It is the retina that sends the image of what you see to the brain. When a cataract begins to form this causes a blurring of vision that tends to increase slowly in most people. When it impedes your ability to see objects clearly, usually surgery is recommended to remove the lens. Corrective glasses or contact lenses are then prescribed to compensate for the loss.

Cataracts are only one of many eye problems that can be detected by your eye doctor. If you haven't had your eyes examined recently, call your eye doctor for an appointment.

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