

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONTRIBUTION AND THAT DEBUCTION

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THREE COMMUNION MEDITATIONS

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MIRACLE AT THE CROSS

When they saw the earthquake and the things that were done they feared exceedingly saying, "Truly this was the Son of God." That is what they did when they came to Calvary. There were four great miracles that took place when Jesus died on the cross. There was an earthquake. The veil of the temple was rent from top to bottom. The rocks were rent. The tombs were opened and many bodies of the saints were raised up and entering into the Holy City after the resurrection appeared unto many.

These four miracles are some of the most obscure miracles of the New Testament. How long has it been since you heard a sermon on the rending and the rocks? That was quite a miracle. How long has it been since you heard a message on the earthquake that took place when Jesus died? The rending of the veil and the raising up of the dead do not get so much attention either. Wonder why? If they had been mentioned any place else in the word of God than in this chapter they probably would get a lot of attention, but because they stand in such proximity to the cross, they are dwarfed into insignificance. So it should be with us. Every event in life should fade into obscurity in its relationship to the cross. The Lord's Supper on the Lord's Day should have such a prominent part in our thinking that everything and anything should mean nothing to us in comparison. Let the cross tower above all. Let Christ have first place in all of our activities. There is much I would like to say about the bodies that were raised from the dead that day. Much could be said of the rending of the rocks - rocks that seemed to be softer than the hearts of the people who were there. Much could be said of the earthquake, and certainly the rending of the veil is very significant. But for now we will forebear. Let the cross stand out in bold relief.

That is all that matters. The song asks the most important question for us: Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble; Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

IN THE MIDST OF TWO THIEVES

In the gospel according to John chapter 19, "They took Jesus therefore: and He went out, bearing the cross for Himself, unto the place called The Place Of A Skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha: where they crucified Him, and with Him two others, that Mark identifies as thieves, and Jesus in the midst." Mark informs us at that time the scripture was fulfilled in Isaiah 53:12, "And He was numbered with the transgressors." Jesus had a police record in Jerusalem. The Devil must have thought the dying between two thieves would add to the shame of dying on the cross. But the bearing of the cross was the instrument of victory over the tyranny of death. Jesus had predicted in Matthew 16. "Upon this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." Jesus used the cross as a battering ram to knock the gates of Hades off its hinges, and the insult of two thieves dying on crosses with Jesus added glory to the cross in the salvation of the one was crucified with Him. In fact the salvation of the one thief may be looked upon as a greater miracle than the breaking of the rocks in the earthquake the moment Jesus died. Jesus did not die between two apostles or two prophets, lest some would worship them, and share the glory of Christ with others. Jesus is the one who died for me, and when He died for me, He died for all my sins, and there was not even one left to be burned off in the imaginary fires, of an imaginary purgatory. So look at the three crosses again. On one cross was the Savior, on one cross was the sinner saved, and on the other cross was the sinner damned. Jesus was not crucified on the altar in the Temple, where His blood mingled with the blood of lambs; he was crucified on the cross where His blood was mingled with the blood of thieves. It is true that Jesus died for the transgressor, but the two thieves were not the only transgressors. Paul says in 2nd Corinthians 5:21, "Him who knew no sin was made to be sin on our behalf; that we might be made the righteousness of God through Him." The bottom line of the crucifixion for us is that Jesus was numbered with the transgressors, that we might be numbered among the names of the redeemed in the Lamb's Book of Life.

THREE SUPPERS

We are reminded of three suppers at the institution of the Lord's Supper. The first supper is the Passover Supper. Jesus instructed Peter and John to prepare the room for the Passover. They did as Jesus appointed them and made ready the Passover. As they ate of this supper the Lord told them, "With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."

There is a similarity between the Passover Supper and the Lord's Supper. The Passover Supper reminded them of the deliverance from the land of Egypt when the blood of the Lamb was applied to the door and the Lord passed over when the first born of the Egyptians were slain. Jesus is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world, so the Passover was typical of the Lord's death before He suffered. The Lord's Supper is typical of the suffering of Christ after He suffered.

The Second Supper is what Paul called the Lord's Supper. After the Passover Supper the disciples got into an argument about who was the greatest. Jesus washed their feet, predicted the betrayal done by Judas, Judas left, and the Lord predicted they all would be offended in Him that very night. All included Peter who would deny Him three times before the rooster crowed twice. And then Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper in which He said, "This do in remembrance of Me."

The third Supper is the Wedding Supper of the Lamb. During the Lord's Sapper the Lord said, "I shall not drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's Kingdom." In Revelation 19 John tells us, "The marriage of the Lamb is come and His bride hath made herself ready. It was given to her to array herself in fine linen pure and bright, and the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints." Then the Lord told John to write something. It was very important. He said, "Write blessed are they that are bidden to the marriage supper of the Lamb."

Jesus said regarding the Lord's Supper, "This do in remembrance of Me." Some may trample underfoot the Son of God and count the blood of the covenant where with they were sanctified an unholy thing by indifference to the observance of the Lord's Supper. However with repentance forgiveness is still available, but if you miss the third Supper - the Marriage Supper of the Lamb - you have missed it all. THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME!

GIJAPA 2013

Because of your generous gifts over the past six months, GIJAPA closed the books on 2012 in the black without any program cuts and a 4% budget surplus. Our financial support comes from 82 churches and 599 individ-

uals giving on a regular basis. Our 17 broadcasts were heard 871 times during the past year costing \$284,000. We mailed 960 large print Bibles to prisoners along with hundreds of lessons, 76 Boxes of clothes and 332 Bibles = 24 boxes were shipped - postage increased from \$61.95 to \$77.95 a box - overseas to our various international broadcast locations - postage \$36,000. Pictures of GIJAPA's work in the Philippines with Ed Domingo are featured in this issue. April's issue will present John Maseka and his ministry in the Zambia. We appreciate your continued support so that GIJAPA can sustain with these other ministries—Prison ministry, clothes, and Bibles to Philippines, The Gambia, Liberia, Zambia and India.

LETTERS

Dear Sister Naomi,

Thanks be to God we have received four boxes of used clothing from you. We are happy and grateful, sister. We shall also need Bibles, in case you are able to get some. Your used clothing and shoes is a great blessing to us on this hard soil. We always thank you for your great assistance to us here. The Church is moving on nicely here and we always need your prayers. Please anytime you get Bibles we need more for the work here. This is very important for us, for without your help, we have nowhere to go. Thanks a lot. We do hope all of you including your children are in good health.

Alexander Ofori, a servant of The Most High God

My dear sister Naomi,

We have received 4 boxes of clothes already. I am happy that you need information for my family and others before you send us the items. There is sad news about witchcraft and only with a copy of a Bible, people are able to overcome this evil spirits. The report is coming about what happened recently about the dead person in the coffin producing the sound like a dog. My sister Naomi, more than half of the Church members were evangelized directly or indirectly through your prayers and support with Bibles, clothes, shoes and many more things you are sending again and again. Today, throughout Zambia, in urban and rural communities, you can find youths and young people doing nothing just drinking beer, smoking and others been used by politicians to cause violence. Giving some tracts and Bibles to these young people serious with the word of God, will be the most effective way to build common ground and new relationships with youths and young adults. Also this could create the opportunity for us and the Church to build relationships with these young people and share the love of Christ with them.

I and all the congregation of Messenger Church of Christ, give God the glory for all He has done through this Church during the past 4 years through your prayers and support. We look forward to what God and His power is going to do through you and GIJAPA as we start this New Year 2013.

Your brother and fellow servant of Christ, John Maseka, Evangelist, Messenger Church of Christ, Solwezi, Zambia, Africa Madame, hope you have got this email reply that contains 6-immersion photos. I am not a bit familiar on email image sending so I have probably some failure on this. For now we need "women & especially men clothes! For me, I need rubber shoes sizes 9 to 10 inches & pants with waistline 34 to 36 inches (cargo pants can be of help as well). I am 5'9 tall THANKS!

Ed Domingo, Evangelist, Sunset Beach Church of Christ, Philippines













RECEPTION REPORT from Short-wave Broadcast Dear Sir or Madam:

It is with great pleasure that I report the reception of Bible Voice-Russia. I heard your station on 03-February-2013 from 19:15 to 20:00 on a frequency of 6030. The reception quality was excellent. Your broadcast was in English; ID song was sung by a male performer - "God Is Just A Prayer Away" and a gospel message followed: BEHOLD A MAN - I wanted to see Jesus but the crowd was in my way! I really enjoyed the program it was an excellent production and thought-provoking program. There was a free offer at the end of the broadcast, a book of gospel messages and studies. It came from Ed Bousman, Lynchburg, OH USA. I would greatly appreciate receiving this offer.

Vasily Strelnikov, Moscow, Russia

Dear Sir,

I was glad to hear the signal here in Austria over the Panamerican Broadcasting. Here are the details of my report. The program was in English, a very strong signal. The gospel message was, "Jesus Is the Son of God," "too busy people should give time on the Lord's Day", and "Jesus of Nazareth Is Passing By." At the end of the broadcast the announcer said that we could write for a free study book and gospel Bible lessons from Ed Bousman, PO Box 511, Lynchburg, OH 45142. I would like to receive this free offer, my address is enclosed.

Your listener, Harold Suss, Osterreich, Austria

Dear Ed Bousman Evangelistic,

I hope and pray this letter finds everyone there doing well. I would like to thank you for the Bible Studies and Ed Bousman's Volume II sermon Book. I really enjoy them both. I would love to keep in the study and get Volume I, because I really like the way Mr. Bousman preached. I just wish my town had a preacher like Mr. Bousman was. I would like to be saved, but there is no way for me to be baptized in here. I'm in Varner Super Max Prison in Grady, Arkansas with almost 2 years left to do if God's willing. I will not let that stop me from my studies. Thank you for all you have done to help me and every person that came to know Jesus thru your studies and program. Hopefully a brother in Christ soon. Joseph. (Is there anyone in the Grady, Arkansas area that could go to prison and baptize Joseph? I will send you his ADC# and last name for identification at the prison. PLEASE HELP ME GET THIS DONE! Thanks, Naomi)

Naomi,

My name is Layla. I am currently in Macpherson's Unit in Arkansas Department of Corrections. I was sentenced to 15 years in prison for drug charges. I am writing in hopes that you would send me a Bible and the Bible studies you have. I was told about you by a friend. Please pray for us.

Sincerely, Layla

Dear Friend,

The sermon I hear each Sunday night at 10:30 PM comes from KDWN Las Vegas, NV. I enjoy hearing it so much, especially the poetry. Here is a poem I wrote: He watches us both day and night: He knows what's wrong and what's right. He hears our every prayer each day, He loves us and He's only a prayer away.

Jessie from Upper Lake, California

This is not a grievance it is a desperate request to learn Christ more by studying His word through your study courses and I had nothing else to write on. I'm very moved by your devotion to spread God's word and I want to do the same but right now I'm currently in a County Jail in Galveston, Texas. I ask that you pray that I go to court soon, I've been waiting 5 months. I've never had a felony before in my life of 44 years. I'm a veteran of the Gulf war and I have an aggravated assault on another male who was trying to do me bodily harm with a weapon and fearing for

my safety in self-defense I stabbed him but I haven't yet been to court. I wish to start your Bible study as well as I need a Bible. Thank you in the name of Jesus.

Lamont from Texas

Dear Evangelistic Bousman,

Calvary greetings to you in the name of our Savior and Lord Jesus. Thank you for your blessed broadcast program on Radio Africa and it really help me in my conversion to be in Christ as I was a typical pagan. Please kindly send me the free offer that was announced at the end of your broadcast for Gospel lessons and studies and a Bible.

Yours sincerely, Christ from Nigeria

Dear Mrs. Bousman,

Thank you for all the uplifting material you sent to me as well as assisting my husband Alfred who is in prison to walk in the path of the Lord. You have enlightened his growth in areas that I would never think could happen. He has turned his talking in a new direction as well as his life. We actually study together, which strengthen both of us. The Bible I received is wonderful and used daily. If I can be a part of your team here in Houston, Texas, I'll be happy to help. I'm an educator - 20 years in the public schools and teaching in the prison system for 5 years and a prison guard for 3 years. I am presently raising my three grandchildren, as my son is in jail. Could you please send him a Bible his name, ADC# and address below. Thank you and I love you and your family in Christ.

Debra

Dear Mrs. Bousman,

Please find the enclosed tithe so that many more may come to know God. When I wrote to you last month, I mentioned that I hope that people around the US will turn to their local stations and find GIJAPA. I forgot to mention that another way to find GIJAPA is your wonderful website www.gijapa.org. I download Ed's audio sermons to my computer every week, and I especially like that fact that you have added links to Ed's video sermons. Sincerely, Mark, Henrico, VA RELEVANT AND REAL Bob Wickline, Preacher The Cross no longer stands there Upon Golgotha's Hill, And the Blood Stains are no longer visible-Yet, both have power still... The Garden Tomb is empty-No Body has ever been found... And despite man's rejection and rhetoric, The reality of it continues to confound... The ancient olive trees in Gethsemane That absorbed *His* anguish and prayer Abide in silent vigil And give enduring testimony That JESUS really was there... And, in Jerusalem and Galilee, You sense a certain presence everywhere ya go-And tho' ya jus' can't quite explain it, Down deep in your heart Ya just know... There's a restless anticipation in the air That ya can't help but feel-And ya can't escape the realization That the words of the Prophets Are Relevant and Real... The Mount of Olives stands ready To be torn apart beneath His feet-When **JESUS** returns with **His** raptured saints, The legions of Anti-christ to defeat... Surely! We are that blest generation Chosen by **ALMIGHTY GOD** To see His Glorious Victorious Day-So, *Pray!* We gotta make it *Relevant & Real*, While we witness, watch, and pray...

"... THE END OF ALL THINGS IS AT HAND: BE YE THEREFORE SOBER, AND WATCH UNTO PRAYER."

(I Peter 4:7)



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