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A Preacher's Perspective

To have Barabbas chosen instead of the Lord Jesus, the murderous villain instead of the Holy Son of God is proof that this was a time of Satan's ascendancy. At least to all immediate appearance.

Do you suppose that Barabbas joined in the mockery and thought himself a very fortunate and beloved scoundrel? The travesty of process and the complete mockery of everything right and holy makes us writhe in frustration.

The sham of those courts and evidence and testimony stands for all time as a paradigm for injustice. Anyone looking on who knew Jesus, who walked with him, must have felt overwhelmed with the rush to a rigged verdict. At any moment, they must have thought, He will assert His amazing skill with argument and answers, the kind which had sent His critics away frustrated, again and again.

Or, remembering the miracle of the meals for the multitudes, the raising of the dead-Lazarus, the widow's son from Nain-the One who walked on water would surely turn, face down His detractors, and leave them in confusion or worse.

But no. The soldiers seemed to be able to abuse Him at will. There were blows, there was scourging, there was the madness of the mob crying with blood-lust, "His blood be on us and on our children."

They all ran away.

Each had to look within to find his faith, his fears, to regain orientation. Now, it appeared, all that was hoped and assumed must have been wrong.

Did memories come creeping back in? Did His words, His touch, His look, His insights, His kindness and the

amazing authority with which He spoke, did they keep returning to their minds.

And what about the mountain vision? What about the very presence of Moses and Elijah and the voice of the Deity? It wasn't a dream. It really happened. But then, how could that fit with what was happening here?

Jesus despised the ordeal which was to come! You've probably wondered what it was that He dreaded so. I have.

Was it the physical pain? That was no small matter. They invented the word "excruciating" to capture the unique agony of the Roman cruelty. Maybe He dreaded the screaming of His nerves and muscles.

Was it the humiliation and mockery? Was it the stupid, brutish guards and the hypocrisy and smugness of the Scribes and Pharisees? Maybe so. His most harsh language had been unleashed on those pretenders to spiritual leadership. His rhetoric was blistering toward them: whitewashed tombs, snakes, hypocrites He had called them.

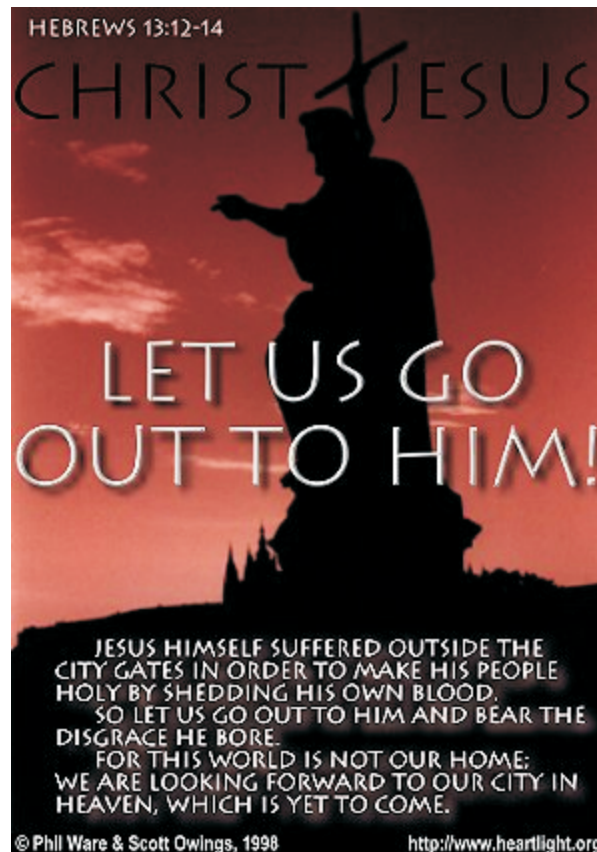
Was it the unfathomable link between Himself and the Father which would be broken? Was it something about becoming sin, itself? I tend to think this break between Himself and the Father was the darkest of the fears He faced.

This we know: it all happened because of sin. The sins of the world, my sins, yours-the only redemption possible for us was for Him to endure this agony, to bear this mockery and torture. And without that decision, we would have no hope.

How often I take it for granted. How often I look away. But when I think clearly, I have some aching sense of how wrong it all was, of how the Father must have grieved with a broken heart

we cannot imagine.

And I thank Him for the love for us which made them endure it all.



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Chuck Miller

Welcome to the West Chicago Church of Christ

If you are visiting with us, we especially want to welcome you. We pray our time together worshipping our Father in heaven will be uplifting and encouraging. You are an honored guest and we want to thank you for being a part of our worship this morning!

Bible classes begin at 9:30 and are available for all ages. Babies can be taken to the nursery located at the back of the auditorium. Pre-school and elementary-age children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the teen room at the back of the auditorium. The adult class meets in the fellowship room.

Our Community Groups meet every Sunday throughout the year, except for the last Sunday of each month. The last Sunday of each month, we will meet at 6:00 p.m. for a time of praise and fellowship. If you are interested in joining a Community Group, please speak with one of our Deacons.

A weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning worship services is available by following these instructions:

<http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com>

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Elders:

Don Brewster Chuck Miller

Our Deacons are:

Justin Avey: Benevolence, Fellowship, Stewardship & Leadership

Jay Hearn: Worship & Pulpit, Communications, Outreach, Education, Benevolence

Curt Robinson: Education, Stewardship & Leadership

Rick Root: Communications, Education, Stewardship & Leadership

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening (last Sunday of each month) . . 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.



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This Morning ...

Please take a moment this morning to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest. Prayer cards are also available in the pew rack. You may choose to have prayers by the elders, a prayer warrior or by the whole church family. If you choose "whole church family" it will be announced following the sermon.

Order of Worship

Welcome, Scripture & Prayer Ian Voigts

Kids Connection Brian Gifford

Praise Songs Dewayne Smith

#387 Tell Me the Story of Jesus

#222 There's Something About That Name

#337 Hallelujah! What a Savior

#332 Lead Me to Calvary

#382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

#334 'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow

Communion Rick Root

Contribution and Prayer Card Collection

Sermon Chuck Miller

Invitation Song Dewayne Smith

#944 What Shall It Be?

Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts

Closing Song Dewayne Smith

#76 How Great Thou Art

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 17 Carrie Drumheller

April 19 Jeremy Whitman

April 21 Jason Whitman

April 21 Steve & Melissa Massie (anv.)

April 23 Blake Mullins, Jon Wright

Dates to Remember

TODAY Leadership Meeting/Praise Sunday

April 19 Tuesday Ladies Class

April 20 Seniors Breakfast

April 21 Teen Parent Connection

April 22 Mens Prayer Breakfast

April 24 Easter

April 24 . No Community Groups or Evening Worship

April 26 Tuesday Ladies Class

April 28 Teen Parent Connection

April 29 Mens Prayer Breakfast

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 56

Sunday Morning Worship 84

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 21

Contribution April 3 \$3,073.00

Contribution April 10 \$3,514.56

Nursery Workers Joan Avey, Jackie Robinson

Collection Counters Mike Henkel, Jeff Ieler

In Our Prayers...

Bill Clark, Josephine Haggerton's nephew, is having a relapse of leukemia. His immune system is low.

Julie Dean is having out-patient surgery on her leg on Tuesday, April 26. She is having a procedure done on her vein. It was done before, but didn't work. Please pray that it helps this time.

Tom Doggett has a torn calf muscle. We were all happy to see him at Wednesday Bible class this week.

Joyce Duke, Bobbie Whitman's sister, fell and broke her nose. She has been dealing with several health issues for quite a while.

Josephine Haggerton is waiting for tests results regarding her back pain.

Helen Plummer, Joan Avey and Cliff's mother, is still taking chemotherapy treatments. She is also having pain in her hip, which may be arthritis. **Cliff's family** moved to Salmon Arm, British Columbia, where he will be preaching. We wish them Godspeed in their new ministry.

Kim Sitler is recuperating from gall bladder surgery.

Bob Voigts will be getting test results soon.

Libby, a family friend of the Voigts, had her first chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer.

Tony Witty, friend of the Miller family, has cancer of the lymph nodes and other areas. Tony is 54.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman

Justin Avey

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Herman Biggers - Josephine Haggerton's brother

Bonnie Bingham

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

Dachielle - Blake Mullins's friend

John Day

Al Dorsey

Doug Dorsey - Al's son

Joyce Eakins's siblings

Brad Fowler - Joan Lockett's nephew

Josephine Haggerton

Lauren Helton - Josephine Haggerton's nephew

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

Mason Hutchins - friend of Alec Boyd &

Rourke Mullins

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

Myrna Levake

Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother

Jack Lockett - father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez,

Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett - Joan's son

Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's cousin

Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and

the son of Marion Lake's cousin

J.D. Potts - the father of Cyndi Perez

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts's cousins

Ernie & Rose Stirrup - Kelly Ieler's parents

Joe Stone - a friend from RCC

Jim Whitman

Mom-to-Be:

Sarah Rentschler - Sally Hearn's niece

Armed forces:

Josh Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew
is in Afghanistan

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew

Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

Joey Wertz - the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq

Klinton Wheeler - in training, going to Afghanistan

in June

Jonathon Young - a Warrant Officer in the army

Missions:

City of Children - Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Living Room Café - Chicago

Mission Lazarus - Honduras

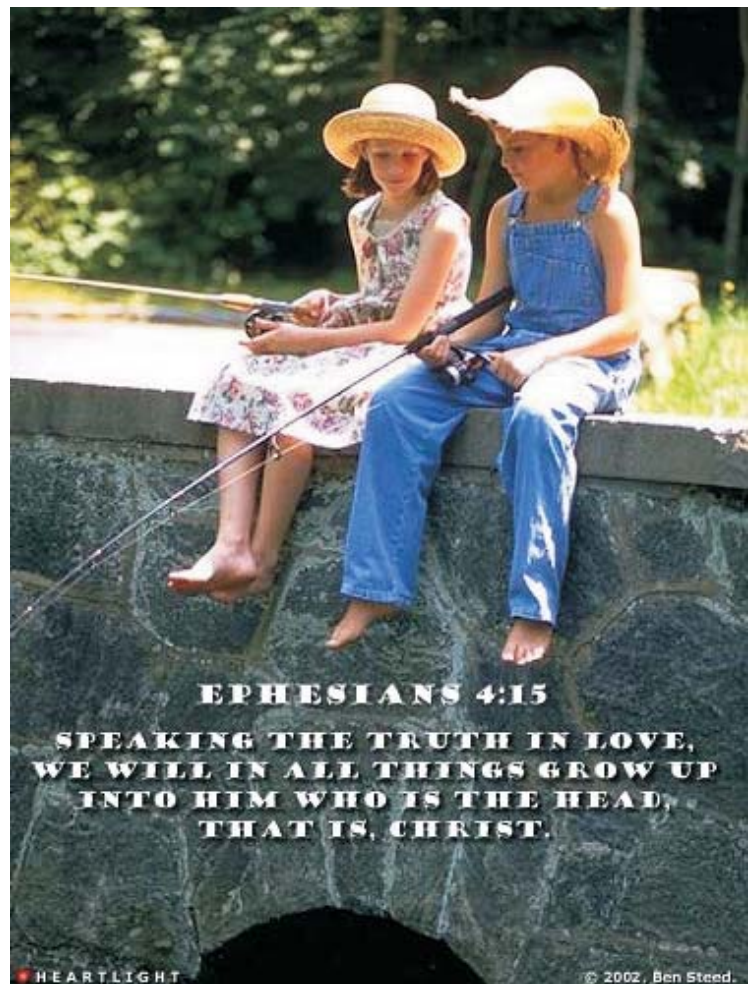
Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

Teen Parent Connection - West Chicago

Students of Joe Voigts - China

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria





TODAY!

- 9:30 a.m. Bible classes
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 4:30 p.m. Leadership Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Worship/Song Service
- Finger-food/Dessert Fellowship

Seniors Breakfast

The **Seniors Breakfast** is scheduled for this coming **Wednesday, April 20, at 10:00 a.m.** We meet at the Colonial Restaurant located on Randall Road across from the Kane County Fair Grounds. We order from the menu and pay for our own breakfast. The seniors always welcome guests – a great opportunity to fellowship! Please note: our server, Peggy, is celebrating her birthday this month.

Directory

Get your family photo taken TODAY!!

The new edition of our church directory needs to be completed as soon as possible! Please see one of the Hearns to get your picture taken as soon as possible!

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday - Thursday, June 20-23. Our theme is **God's Creation**. Please see Cindy Drumheller if you would like to lead registration or publicity or assist with decorations or food.



Klint's Address (for two months)

- LINE 1: SPC Klinton Wheeler
- LINE 2: BN 179 INF HHC
- LINE 3: 2490 25th St.
- LINE 4: Camp Shelby, MS 39405-5500

Ladies Classes

The Tuesday morning Ladies Class is studying Ephesians and Colossians.

The Wednesday evening Ladies Class is studying a series of lessons on 1 & 2 Peter.

Ladies Retreat

We are grateful to the Ladies Retreat committee for their wonderful presentation last Saturday. **Donations to offset the cost of the event would be greatly appreciated.** Please make sure to write "Ladies Retreat" on the memo line of your check. Checks can be given directly to one of the elders or deacons.



Interested in hosting a teen event – devotional, outing or service project? See Sandy Boyd!

Teen blog & Twitter

There is a new blog for our Wednesday night teen class. We encourage teens to log on and participate. The address is www.wcteens.wordpress.com. The Twitter account is also wcteens. We're trying to learn how to use connectivity to make our Wednesday study more widely available. We will also use ooVoo. If you have a webcam, join ooVoo (it's free) and send us your login info. We also need all email addresses. See Chuck with any questions. See you online!

Youth Ministry

EDUCATION:

Following are the teachers for our next rotation which began last Sunday and will continue through June 5.

Sunday morning teachers:

- Cradle roll – Bev Day
- Ages 3-4 – Joan Avey/Julie Dean
- Grades K-2 – Terri Bray
- Grades 3-6 – Lisa Henkel
- Teens – Brian & Shannon Gifford

Wednesday evening teachers:

- Ages 0-4 – Cyndi Perez
- Grades K-6 – Cindy Drumheller
- Teens – Chuck Miller



Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection is holding a **Clothing Swap on Saturday, May 12**, in our fellowship room. If you have any gently used baby or toddler items you would like to donate, please contact Sally. Also, it would be nice to have a **volunteer available that day** in case they have any needs. Please see Sally if you are available. Thanks!

Please contact Sally if you can provide a meal or part of a meal for Teen Parent Connection in MAY. Teen Parent Connection, an organization serving teen parents, meets Thursday evenings in our fellowship room. We provide and serve a meal for 15-20 people. Monetary donations are also welcome!