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Verse of the Month

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"Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what He told you back in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be crucified, and that He would rise again on the third day."

> Luke 24:5b-7 (NLT)

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They Shall see God

Jesus knew that His own time of trial and suffering was soon and yet He took the time to comfort His disciples by saying to them "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me." The way to eternal life is unseen to us and that is why Jesus is telling us to trust Him as He knows the way and has prepared the way for us. When Thomas asked Jesus how they would know the way, Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you really know Me, you will know My Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him." But Philip still wanted to see the Father and Jesus answered: "Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father."

While we cannot see the invisible God. He revealed Himself to us through the life of Jesus, we see God through His creation of nature, we can see God's hand working through history. God is actively working in our world today. As we see God working, our faith increases so that when difficult times come, we can view the circumstances that we are in, knowing that lesus told us not to be troubled and we can trust Him.

The crucial point in the revelation of the Father through lesus was not in the birth of Jesus, as miraculous as the virgin birth was. It is not found in the wonderful teaching of Jesus, nor in the miracles that lesus performed. It was in the cross on Calvary. To really see God and understand Him we look to the cross and we see God there because of our sin and find that He is not indifferent to our circumstances but sharing in the agony of humanity. There at Calvary Jesus bore our sin, suffered with humanity the consequences of sin, paying the ultimate price for us that we should have paid. This shows the true depth of God's love for us in providing the way for us to be reconciled back into relationship with Himself. On the cross we see God in His grace providing for our salvation.



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People / Events News

"Abba, Father,"
He said,
"everything is
possible for You.
Take this cup from
Me. Yet not what I
will, but what You
will."

Mark 14:36 (NIV)

New Members

It was a joy to welcome Tasha and Alexandra into membership on the 2nd March, and also hearing the testimony of Tasha.





Condolences

Our hearts and prayers go out to Abiola Durojaiye on the passing of her brother Adetoyese who went to be with

> our Lord on 11th March. Please pray as Abiola travels to Nigeria for the funeral in April.

Also our prayers are for Annette Murphy on the passing of her birth mother on the 7th March.

Quote

"It costs God nothing, so far as we know, to create nice things: but to convert rebellious wills cost Him crucifixion."

C. S. Lewis

Praise & Prayer

Psalm 30:12 So now my heart will sing to You and not be silent; O Lord my God, I will always give thanks to You.

This month, please pray for

† Thankful hearts because we have a loving God who

- provides for us and gives salvation through Jesus Christ.
- † Family and friends that need to believe that Jesus died for their sin and rose again.
- † Abiola and Annette and their families as the mourn the loss of loved ones.

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The Crucifixion

The Via Dolorosa, is Latin for the way of suffering or the sorrowful way. This is the path tradition says that Jesus walked on the way to His crucifixion.

After the beating that Jesus had, the pain would have been immense and His body weak with the loss of blood. As He walked to the cross, what did Jesus see? There were those who looked at



Him with cries of sorrow and grief, but many looked at Him with ridicule, disrespect, hatred and disinterest. To them he was just another prisoner being crucified. Jesus saw them as lost sheep. He could have been rescued by His angels, but He knew the will of the Father and saw the need of the people. Jesus would walk to Golgotha to become that light bringing hope in the despairing hearts of the hopeless. Those He created were now turning upon Him.

Jerusalem was about to see the greatest sacrifice of love offered by Jesus. On the cross, Jesus saw the faces of those gathered around including His dearest mother. He saw the Romans as they drove the nails in His body, He knew why He had come. Jesus saw their darkened hearts in need of grace. On the cross He saw a desperate world in need of mercy, heard the sorrow of man begging for grace and sensed the victory of eternal life in His death and resurrection. What Jesus saw in His death was the face of His Father, the deep love of God in sending His only begotten Son to pay the costly price of our sin on our behalf and redeem those who believe in Him.

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