

The Story Of Easter

Crucified After Blows, Mockery

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The gospel accounts tell the story in four stark words: "... and they crucified him."

No elaboration was necessary, at the time the gospels were written, to convey the agony of Jesus' death. Crucifixion was known throughout the Roman world as the most horrible form of execution ever devised. It was slow death by torture.

This form of capital punishment was usually reserved for slaves and insurrectionists. The condemned man was nailed through his hands and feet to a wooden cross, and left to hang there until he died of what modern medical science would describe as a state of shock induced by excruciating pain.

It usually required about 12 hours for a crucified man to die. Cicero records that most of the victims became raving maniacs. It was often necessary, he adds, to cut out their tongues to put a stop to their terrible screams and curses.

Jesus had already undergone many hours of suffering before he reached the skull-shaped hill called Golgotha on which his cross was planted.

During the long hours of the night, the soldiers had buffeted him and spat upon him, fitting a purple robe around his shoulders and thrusting a sharp crown of thorns onto his head to mock the "king of the Jews."

Pilate had "scourged" him. A scourging was a brutal beating administered to prisoners with a special kind of whip whose many thongs were loaded with bits of metal.

In keeping with Roman custom, he was required to carry the heavy wooden crossbar to which his outstretched arms would be nailed. (The upright pole of the cross was already in place at the execution site.) Exhausted by his sleepless night and the beating he had received, Jesus stumbled under the load. The guard compelled a bystander, Simon of Cyrene, to carry the cross for Jesus. Cyrene was a town of North Africa, and an ancient legend holds that Simon was a Negro who later became a Christian apostle.

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Sunday 4:15 p.m. — Watchtower Bible study and discussion on the subject, "The Comely Feet of the Messengers." One of the scripture texts for consideration will be Isa. 52:7. "How comely are the feet of those who declare good news of good things!"

Tuesday 8:00 p.m. — Area Bible studies in study aid, "Babylon the Great Has Fallen, God's Kingdom Rules."

Friday 7:30 p.m. — Theocratic Ministry School followed by the Kingdom Service Meeting.

QUESTIONS

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the state; the fire-fighting equipment is the best; and the streets are being well maintained, among other things.

Excellent Spirit

Dr. Burk said he believed Decatur had an excellent community spirit, and added that, generally, there are very few unemployed who are employable.

When asked if he felt the low unemployment rate affected the possibility of new industry, Hagan replied it may to some degree, but that a survey taken a couple of years ago revealed that approximately 650 persons left this community each day to go to work in other cities. He said more than likely these people would take the right opportunity.

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SPECIAL WASHINGTON REPORT

Higher Posts Planned For Women By LBJ

By Esther Peterson
Assistant Secretary to Labor

Esther Peterson

President Johnson held a cabinet meeting a short time ago at which he asked me to discuss the role of working women in government. The President said then, "The day is over when top jobs are reserved for men."

Already the President has directed his cabinet members and agency heads to strive to place women in top government posts in the near future.

President Johnson realizes, as did President Kennedy before him, that the talents of our women are an untapped national resource. His programs are designed to see that, in the short run, the Federal government makes maximum use of that resource and that, in the long run, an example is set for business, industry and labor — that the usefulness of the working women is demonstrated.

There are nearly 25 million working women in the United States — that is almost a third of our work force. Many of these women work from economic necessity — because they are the sole support of their families or because their families could not otherwise maintain a decent standard of living. Others work from choice, because they feel they can make a more useful contribution to their families and society by contributing their talent and energy to the work force.

It is not reasonable to expect women to make an equal contribution to a society in which they are offered unequal incentives. It is neither just nor equitable to offer women lower pay for equal tasks. It is a national disgrace, and a needless human hardship, that one-quarter of the poor families in the United States are headed by women and nearly one-third of all families headed by women are poor.

Women have made great strides in the past three and a half years.

But if much has been done, much more remains to be done. There can be no doubt that President Johnson recognizes the problem and has moved to meet it.

for them to work in this city. Audience Asks

Following the questions presented by moderator Stewart, the audience was afforded the opportunity to question the panel. Some of the questions and their answers are as follows:

Has the electric utility been improved as promised? Hagan replied that about one and three-quarter million dollars have been spent in improvements.

Are any park improvements being planned? Mayor Gerber said there are, with what money is available, and that the city tries to make improvements each year.

Is the Chamber fulfilling its goal of making Decatur a better city in which to live and work? Dr. Burk replied, "I can't say if it is being completely fulfilled, but I know they are doing their very best."

Will the tax rate be lowered next year? Mayor Gerber said he didn't see how it could be lowered "if we hoped to upgrade the city."

Is the price of land in and around Decatur a problem in securing industry? Rydell said it was not any large problem.

Have any industries given any reasons as to why they did not locate in Decatur? Rydell replied that industries do not give their reasons normally, but he said that the industrial development committee attempts to pinpoint the reasons.

What is the dump situation? Mayor Gerber said that at 4 p.m.

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Confirmation Rites
At Zion United

A class of eleven young people will be received into full membership of the church through the rites of confirmation in the 10 a.m. Palm Sunday service in the Zion United Church of Christ, Third and Jackson streets. The pastor, the Rev. William C. Feller, will be in charge of the service, and his sermon theme will be, "A Day of Triumph."

Members of the confirmation class are: Kathleen Kay Baxter, Steven Eugene Eady, Dennis Eugene Girod, Theresa Anne Girod, Denice I. Hunter, Claudia Ellen Johnson, Joseph Otto Kiess, Brennan Eugene Miller, Thomas James Shaffer, Leland Kent Shoaf and Arlene Sue Smilley.

These young people were presented and examined before the congregation Wednesday evening, after having finished a course of instruction in the Bible, church history and doctrine under the leadership of the pastor.

In the service Sunday morning the young people will publicly profess their faith in Christ and will be received into full membership of the church. They have chosen, "Take Time to be Holy," as their class hymn and will sing it during the service.

The service will open with the prelude by Mrs. J. Fred Fruchte, organist, and will be followed by the procession of the choir and the class. The senior choir, under the direction of Roger Spencer, will sing, "The Palms" by Faure.

All members of the church are urged to be present and an invitation is extended to friends of the church and of the class members to worship in this service.

Reports Persist On Rusk Resignation

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Reports persisted today that Secretary of State Dean Rusk will quit the cabinet by next January despite his denial that he plans to resign.

Some of Rusk's associates said they felt that the classic four "Fs"—to feel they have had enough of government service would lead to his resignation.

They described these four considerations as "finances, fatigue, frustration and family."

The question of Rusk's resignation came up Thursday when the American Broadcasting Co. reported he planned to quit after the November elections. Rusk denied the report. He said he had enjoyed serving under President Johnson and considered him "a great man."

Chairman J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee figured most in speculation about possible successors to Rusk.

Other names mentioned were Undersecretary of State George W. Ball, Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara and George Bundy, the President's special adviser on international security affairs.

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Autos operated by Leon James Smith, 72, of Fort Wayne, and Rita Lou Setser, 24, of 1128 Lewis Drive, collided at the intersection of Second street and Lewistown. Both vehicles were westbound on Second and as Mrs. Setser attempted a left turn, Smith began to pass on the left and the two autos collided.

Damages resulting from the 12:29 p.m. crash were estimated at \$175 to the Setser auto and \$125 to the Smith vehicle.

Victor Amacher, of Preble, backed his auto into a car owned Gottlieb Stauffer, of 303 N. Fourth St., at 2:12 p.m. Amacher backed from a driveway and into the left front of the Stauffer car, which was parked on the opposite side of the street. The Amacher auto was not damaged, and Stauffer's vehicle received an estimated \$20 damage.



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