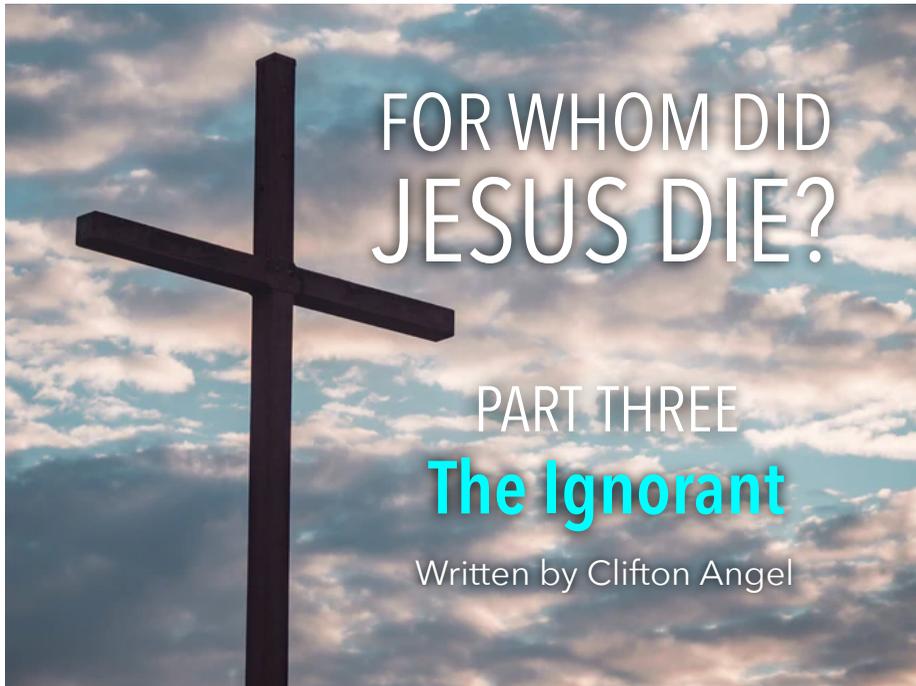


The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Nov. 29, 2020



FOR WHOM DID JESUS DIE?

PART THREE The Ignorant

Written by Clifton Angel

“Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34). This brief prayer uttered by Jesus does not imply that all those involved in his crucifixion were forgiven. Rather, it does signify the purpose He was on the cross—that they might have forgiveness. What great love! What tremendous grace!

Considering those surrounding Jesus’ crucifixion, it can be deduced that **He died for the ignorant.**

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

VISITORS, WELCOME!

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes
for all ages & fellowship
for lunch every Sunday!

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Ignorance is not an insult—it is a fact. I am ignorant about many things in this life; for, I simply do not have sufficient knowledge about those things. Ironically, even Jesus' disciples were ignorant about one of the main subjects of His teachings—His kingdom. He told Pilate,

“My kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36).

This fact was still a mystery to Jesus' disciples just prior to his ascension. They asked,

“Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?”
(Acts 1:6).

It was not until after the Holy Spirit revealed it to Peter that he correctly preached that Jesus' kingdom is spiritual (Acts 2:32-36). Further investigation reveals that Jesus' spiritual kingdom is also called the church (Colossians 1:13; Colossians 1:18; Matthew 16:18-19).

Now rewind to the crucifixion event. Why did Judas Iscariot betray Jesus? Why did Peter so valiantly cut off the right ear of Malchus? Why did Peter deny being a disciple of Jesus three different times? Could these all be connected to the fact that Jesus' kingdom is not physical, as Peter, Judas, and the others once conceived? Is it possible that they were entirely ignorant and confused until revelation was given by the Spirit? It is not only possible—I believe such to be reality. Jesus said to His apostles:

“The Holy Spirit ... shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you”

(John 14:26).

Furthermore, He said to them,

“I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth”

(John 16:12–13).

Jesus knew His disciples would remain ignorant of His kingdom teachings until the Spirit revealed to them “all truth” (John 16:13).

Jesus died for the ignorant. He “gave himself a ransom for all” (1 Timothy 2:6), in order that all may “come unto the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4). Sadly, many remain ignorant of Jesus and His kingdom. Even so, many who claim to be followers of Jesus believe and teach that Jesus’ kingdom is yet future. Jesus died for the ignorant, so that they might not remain ignorant. Paul wrote,

“I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord ... that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death”

(Philippians 3:8–10).

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Jackson family, in quarantine; **J. Davis family**, in quarantine; **Sherry Gaines; Wiley Tuggle; Clarence & Faye Edwards; Sammy Williams; Inez Neyman.**

Far East Missions
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NetCasters

Family & Friends

Henry Wadsworth family, Russell's father, passed last Saturday unexpectedly; **Leonard Watson family**, former elder at Forest Hill; **Duane McCrory**, his mother passed; **Gene Kuehn family; Brethren in Philippines**, major damage from typhoons; **Wadsworth, Culbreath, & Smart families; Debbie Phillips**, Mischel's aunt, cancer; **Ethylene Strange; Carolyn Plumley.**

Birthdays

11/5 Rachel Wilkes
11/13 Danni Strickland
11/25 Ginna Honeycutt
11/25 Wiley Tuggle
11/26 Virginia Sowell

Get Involved!

Coldwater Youth Devo : Dec 6, 5:30 PM

@church building, eat before or bring own food
Ornament exchange for younger kids
\$5 max Dirty Santa for those wanting to play

Secret Sisters Reveal Brunch: Dec 12

*Let us therefore follow after
the things which make for peace,
and things wherewith one may edify another.*

—Romans 14:19—

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, November 29

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Billy Bland
Announcements	Andy Ratliff
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Tim Wilkes II
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Joe Owen

Assist

Closing Prayer	Tim Meredith
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Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Joe Owen

Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland
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Wednesday, December 2

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Kevin Dixon

TECH:	Davis Johnson
HALL:	