



On The Green

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*Were You
There
When They
Crucified
My Lord?*

The judge said to the crowd assembled, "What do you want me to do with this guy that calls himself 'King of the Jews'?" And the crowd cried out, "Death, crucify him."

The judge looked at the crowd and asked, "Why, what wrong has this man done?" The crowd yelled, even more loudly, "Crucify him!"

Just who was (is?) this, calling for his death. We know who the man **is**, but who was (is?) the crowd?

The crowd was (is?) just the average man-on-the-street. The businessman, the shopkeeper, the office worker, the secretary, the husband, the father, the housewife - and in many cases the church-goer! The person who didn't want to 'get involved' or thought it was 'none of his business.' Maybe even the preacher or priest who thought (and mocked), "He saved others; himself he cannot save."

Some even said, if he's such a big man, so impor-

tant, "let him descend from the cross, that we may see and believe."

But, there's nothing new under the sun. The original 'crowd' didn't know the ending. they didn't have a book with all the details outlined and explained. They had only heard stories about this "man." Sure, some had seen some of the miracles He performed and even believed, but didn't want to get 'involved.' What about the "now" crowd? The modern day 'crowd'? You know, the "today" crowd - YOU and ME?

I'm afraid we really have no excuse for not getting "involved!" We've read the ending or at least heard about it and can look it up for ourselves. The "we" to whom I'm referring is us, you and me - in most cases we are the "church-goers," since most reading this are most likely professing Christians.

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God @ Work

"I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ."

Philemon 6

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It kind of reminds me of that great philosopher, Pogo from earlier cartoon strip days, who said, "We have met the enemy - and it is us."

We are our own worst enemy. We know the outcome, it'll happen in eternity. Eternity with Jesus in heaven; or, eternity with Satan in hell! What a choice!

Anyway, back to the "man." The judge listened to the crowd and passed the sentence - death - crucifixion on the cross. He was led away by the soldiers and mocked, spat upon, beaten, even had a crown placed on his head. A crown of thorns!

On the sixth hour, darkness covered the whole land and lasted until the ninth hour when this 'man' decided that enough was enough. What he had come to do, he had done. And he gave up the ghost. One of the soldiers saw him and heard him and said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

A friend named Joseph claimed the body and took it to bury, dressed it in fine linens and laid it in the grave.

On the sabbath, this man's mother and a couple of her friends went to the grave to anoint the body with spices, and were wondering who they could get to roll away the huge stone that sealed the grave. But when they arrived, they saw the stone already rolled away and a young man dressed in all white, sitting on the side. He spoke to them and said, "Don't be afraid; the man you are looking for is not here. He is risen!

"Go into town and tell his friends and you will see Him there." Scared, and knowing whether to believe it or not, the ladies went into town and told his friends. Likewise, they didn't believe it either. But He appeared to two friends who went into town and told the others. They did not believe it.

A short time later, He appeared to the whole group as they were eating and scolded them for their unbe-

lief and hardness of heart. They did not believe those who had seen Him. He had told them before that He would arise on the third day. They should have known!

And then He told *US . . .* "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but those that believeth not shall be damned."

Soon after He had spoken to the group, this "Man" was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

So this group of "friends" went out and preached and shared the message every where, with the Lord working with them.

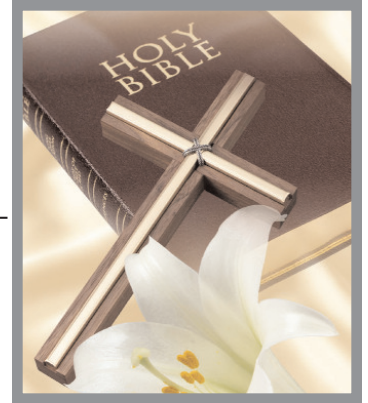
OK. So we come to this point. Today, just who is this "group"? Who are His friends? Who is going out to share the gospel?

Well, it seems to me that this modern day "group of friends" is called the Christian Golfers' Association! CGA! National CGAs; local chapters; individual members!

It's been over two-thousand years. Enough time has passed. The time to share the message is NOW! Get up - Get out - Speak up!

Come Easter Sunday be prepared to report to Jesus that you have carried His message to others every where. CGA has members in twenty-one countries around the world. That's a lot of people to share with. You can do it!

Members, Chapters, let me hear from you via e-mail (christiangolf@ftc-i.net) and tell me of your sharing experiences. God bless each of you.



Remember:

Prayer is a "contact" sport! focus on who you are praying for.

**CGA - CHANGING LIVES
WORLDWIDE!**

God @ Work, *On the golf course. . .*



CGA-AUSTRALIA



Part of the group attending the second outing of the Australia Christian Golfers' Association.



Did anyone see where my ball went?

In the U.S. we are used to seeing deer, rabbits and wild turkeys, maybe even a fox now and then on the golf course, but nothing like a kangaroo!

Let's see now, the green is about. . . ?? That looks like a lot of water to go over



It's an uphill climb all the way.



This was our 2nd event held just prior to Christmas we played at the Binningup Golf course 30 kms north on Bunbury, it was a hot day over 38c (above 100 f) and we had about 15 in attendance.

We met at 2pm for prayer and devotions and we had our first impromptu meeting to discuss forming a committee.

Feedback was positive and everyone in attendance enjoyed the afternoon, just a little too warm ! We are planning to meet again in several weeks. I will be in contact soon.

God bless and regards

John Sullivan

(Note: John is the organizing president)



Binningup Golf Course near Bunbury, Western Australia



This note from our friends and brothers in Kenya, East Africa. . .

"We are doing fine over here and still in the faith, trusting God for everything. Last Sunday we had a wonderful church service. A young girl, Mary, who had left church as a result of her parents telling her to stop coming to our church, one and a half years ago, since it was not a church for her tribe, came back and she resumed her praise and worship team position.

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Rev. Vincent Barasa Maina is Senior Pastor, Founder and Director of Revival Gospel Church Ministries with six multicultural churches in different parts of Kenya. He is involved in Church planting, evangelism and missions to poor children, rural charity and education. Pastor Maina is shown with his wife, Josephine and sons Larry and Murambi.

News from Kenya, continued

“Another man, Juma, who had stopped coming 8 months ago returned to fellowship with his wife (Mary) and a child. We now have three people named Mary. Two in praise team and the wife of Juma. We were so excited and we rejoice and praise God for that. God is faithful. Continue to pray with us as we still need support to keep on doing what we do. Pray for our family as we have needs to function effectively in the ministry without too much stress. Your prayers are greatly appreciated. God willing I will be traveling to Western Kenya to oversee the ministry and mission work over there and meet pastors of two new churches that opened last July.

“Kindly pray for us and about supporting this ministry. We desire visiting missionaries, Christian literature material and Holy Bibles.”

Pastor Vincent Maina

(Editor’s note: You can e-mail Pastor Maina at: maina104@hotmail.com. If you would like to send material and support to Pastor Maina, you may send it to CGA and we will see that it gets to him.)

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As you can imagine, the expense of maintaining an organization of thousands of members spread around the world, recruiting new members, and organizing new CGA chapters is great. Private contributions have been the only means since CGA’s inception of meeting these demands. We are strictly a FAITH based ministry!

You can help CGA achieve its goals of helping to promote and foster evangelism and Christian fellowship around the world by making a tax-deductible donation. 100% of your donation goes toward national and international evangelical cost and operating expenses such as: youth programs, providing membership kits to new members, newsletters, mailings, office supplies, telephone and other expenses that keep CGA as a ministry that witnesses and evangelizes and proclaims the gospel throughout the world.

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