



The Caller

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Confidence Corner John F. Board

As we continue on our life long journey of building our faith, let us consider some thoughts on the alleged contradiction between the writers of the four accounts of the Gospel regarding the inscription that

was placed on the cross above Jesus. Many will ponder how the same event (or in this case inscription) could be recorded differently by different writers. In the case of the inscription, a careful reading of the texts provides the most logical answer.

Remember, when we are dealing with an apparent contradiction, the Christian's responsibility is to provide one possible explanation as to how the accounts can be harmonized. This is important because often times the opponents of Christianity will often try to place more of a burden upon the Christian than is actually required.

Both John and Luke record important information that may help to explain why the different writers of the four accounts of the Gospel recorded somewhat different information regarding how the inscription actually read. Luke and John both note that the inscription was written in three different languages, Hebrew, Latin, and Greek.

Based upon the information provided by Luke and John, one possible explanation that could explain the differences in the writer's record of the inscription would be that one of the writers may have translated the phrase from the Hebrew, another from the Latin, and still another writer from the Greek. The different languages employed would have necessitated a different word order for each language.

Also note that none of the writers claim to record the entire inscription. Nothing would have demanded that they do so. If they record a part of what the inscription said, then they have not been untruthful in their writing nor have they contradicted one another.

The one common fact that is included by all is that the inscription stressed that Jesus was THE KING OF THE JEWS. The Holy Spirit seems to emphasize this thought. It was the charge preferred by Jesus' accusers and the charge that perhaps Pilate was providentially guided to record regarding Jesus.

As is always the case, a close examination of the text provides the answer to those alleged contradictions. May your faith grow in the Bible.

Ray's Ramblings Ray Pack

(Ray is at Bible Camp
this week)

Tract of the Week

"Seven Things God Hates—
Hands that Shed Innocent Blood"



Reports from camp have been good so far! Please continue to remember our young people and adults in your thoughts and prayers. They will arrive back in E-town Friday afternoon.



What God's Church Needs From Its Members

The Lord's Church and all its efforts depend upon its membership. The following are some things that God's church needs from every member.

YOUR ATTENDANCE—Hebrews 10:25,
Psalms 122:1

YOUR PRAYERS—2 Thessalonians 3:1-2,
Ephesians 6:18-19

YOUR ENTHUSIASM—Romans 12:11,
Colossians 3:23

YOUR INVITATIONS—Mark 5:19, Luke 14:23

YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT—Hebrews 10:24

YOUR PRIORITIES—Matthew 6:33,
Luke 14:25-33

YOUR OPEN BIBLE—Acts 17:11

YOUR FRIENDLINESS—Proverbs 17:17,
Ephesians 4:25

YOUR SINGING—1 Corinthians 14:15,
Ephesians 5:19

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Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *What God Is Looking For in a Father?*
Ephesians 6:1-4

P.M. - *The Old Rugged Cross*
Matthew 27:27-37

Lessons From Little Ones

Jesus showed great love for small children. At times he would use them as examples for adults to imitate (Matthew 18). At times though very busy, Jesus would take time for the children even when the disciples seemed to think Jesus might not have time for them.

Children are wonderful! For any parent or grandparent that is an extreme understatement! We can hardly contain the joy that we have when we think of them. Pictures line our walls and office desks—and there are always the “accordion-like” set of pictures many parents and grandparents carry in their wallet or purse.

Along with this great joy that children bring to our lives simply by being children, they often have a unique perspective on the things of life. Having not yet been tainted by the world, they do not know the concerns and worries that adults often needlessly share (Matthew 6:33). On more than one occasion I have been with small children who have taught me very valuable lessons. I would like to share one such experiences and make some application to our lives from Scripture.

I'll never forget my first **new** car. I had always been a fanatic about my vehicles. I can still remember my second car (I remember the first car as well but I was only in eighth grade—I purchased an old Maverick, did some body work, and sold it to a fellow who worked in the factory next to my house). My second car was a 1973 Pontiac Luxury Lemans (it even had the rear fender skirts...I removed them...a little too “grandpa” looking for a 16 year old). At any rate, I can remember the neighbors commenting on how I was going to wash and wax what was left of the car away (this car had a great deal of rust and the paint was completely oxidized).

My first **new** car was a brand new Nissan Stanza. I had taken my first job as an associate Minister for a congregation in Fairmont, WV . I “justified” purchasing the car in my mind because I reasoned that I needed more room to take the young people to the area Gospel Meetings (before the Stanza I had a compact pickup that held at the most three cramped individuals). Needless to say, I thought a lot of my new car.

That brings me to the point of my article. One day I was up visiting my family. I decided I would take my 4 year old nephew, Zachary, to the store where his father worked. While we were on the way, a truck I was following lost a large “hunk” of metal. As it hit the road, there was little I could do to avoid running over it. When I did so, the “hunk” of metal flew up and hit the side of my car. I remember audibly exclaiming “I can't believe it, that makes me so mad!” The first chance I got I pulled over and exited the car to survey the damage. There was a large scratch and dent on the front passenger door. As I entered the car and continued the journey to the store I was mumbling “ Oh I can't believe this...that makes me so mad!”

It was then I was brought to my senses by a little voice in the back seat. I heard “Uncle John what makes you so mad?” I immediately thought I needed to improve my reaction—after all I had a little one who was watching my every move. I began saying in a nice voice “Oh Uncle John is upset because a piece of metal flew up and hit the side of my **nice new** car.” Their was a brief pause and then came Zachary's reply: “Uncle John, don't you realize, cars have to get old too.” I was floored! Here a small child taught me a lesson I should have been teaching him.

Zachary, as a small child not yet influenced by the ways of the world, understood what Jesus had taught in the Sermon on the Mount, “Lay not up for yourself treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal (*jfb addition “where metal flies up and scars*) but lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where moth and rust doth not corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY

News and Notes

MARIE ROSE was released from Hardin Memorial Tuesday. **RUBY KEISTER** was released from the hospital Friday after undergoing some tests. **PHILIP LANE**, Randy Lane's brother, suffered a massive heart attack and underwent a heart catheterization in North Carolina Monday. **KIM WHOBREY** underwent outpatient surgery Wednesday at Hardin Memorial.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Tom Morgan
Neil Burden	Herb Pence
Elonda Crafton	Marie Rose
Dana Fox	Terry Showers
Howard Gardner	Grace Speer
Bernard Gillim	Wilma Stull
Faye Guess	Barbara Underwood
Nellie Hart	Lonnie Underwood
David Keister	Mary Walker
Kent Lane	Lawrence Wells
J Martin	

Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers: Dave Fulbright, Robert E. Wooten, Justin Gardner, Kelly Leverett, George Edwards, Joe Betterton, Myles Brothers, Dale Martin, Terry Turner, Cameron Ponder, Brett Fleming, Mike Chandler, Nathan McClain, Willie Mitchell

Additional Prayer List: Jan Allen, Weita Anderson, K.C. Avery, Christa Bradley, Grace Brown, Sue Cantrell, Michael Clymer, Betty Davis, Evelyn Davis, Sydney Dover, Ellen Duvall, David Fant, Berna Jean Goff, Priscilla Gratton, Renee Green, Terry Griffin, Jane Hack, Don Hatcher, Louie Hodge, Rose Johnson, Mike Lane, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, Bruce LeFevre, Gayle Massey, Erman McClaskey, Lucinda McCune, Terri McDonald, Susan Moller, Julie Murphy, Lynn & Carla Parsons, Joe & John Pawley, Ann Peters, Patsy & Joe Richter, Tony Scott, Jr., Paul Jacob Sells, Sara Sharp, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Ginny & Ron Stanley, Florence Stull, Reiko Tarasavage, Patsy Taylor, Juanita Tillery, Laura Walker, Kevin Weaver, Nora Wilkins, Butch Yates, Bobby White

Congratulations

Cory Pence, son of David & Donna Pence and grandson of Howard & Teanie Pence, graduated from Ohio University College of Medicine June 7 in Athens, Ohio with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree! He begins a three year residency in Emergency Medicine at the University of Kentucky Medical Hospital this month.

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 6/15/08

Canned Fruit

We Rejoice

Laura Cruse was restored last Sunday and we rejoice with her and her family. Laura, her husband, James, and children Jayden, Zachary and Zoey live at 2013 Upton Road, Magnolia, KY 42757. Phone # (270) 324-4603. We appreciate Laura and want to encourage her to continue to be a faithful member of the Lord's church.

Thank You

We are so deeply grateful for all your prayers, cards, flowers, visits and food you gave our dad. He fought his cancer very hard but in the end his body gave up. Your support, encouragement and love throughout his illness meant so much to him and to us. Thank each of you for your Christian love and kindness. God Bless You.

*The family of W. C. Davis
Teresa & Tim Aulbach
Sheila & Wally Vasser*

Note from the Elders

We would like to ask that everyone return to the auditorium after Bible class each Wednesday night for the devotional thoughts, invitation and announcements. We appreciate your efforts in this request.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SUPER SAINTS TRIP** to the Diana Singing, **June 13-14**, in Diana, TN
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday, **June 22**, 3:00 p.m.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**, **June 22-26**. Continue to invite your friends and neighbors.
- **ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHERS MEETING**, Sunday afternoon, **June 29**.

OUR RECORD FOR June 8, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	142
Sunday Morning Assembly	201
Sunday Evening Assembly	107
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class	No Class
Wednesday Bible Study	137
Contribution (Budget -- \$5,905)	\$6,393

Elder/Coordinator for June
Rick Whobrey

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Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: What is described as "strange" in regard to an event that ended on the first day of a particular year?

Last Week's Bible Question: What kind of setting up was done on the first day of a year? The correct answer is the tabernacle and its court were set up, Exodus 40:1-16. Kay Thomason, Joyce Pack and Edna Ashlock correctly answered last week's Bible question.

Please write down your answer and give it to Ray, put it in the box outside the church office before next Wednesday or email your answer to ray.pack@kvnet.org by Tuesday afternoon. Please include the Scripture reference and your name.

Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class	10:30 A.M.
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Wednesday

Evening Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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Are You Part of the PARTICIPATION

June 13-14 — Diana Singing, TN
June 22 — Singing at Atria
June 22-26 — Vacation Bible School
June 29 — Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meeting
June 29 — 5th Sunday Night Singing
June 29 — Congregational Meeting
July 11 — Stough/Allen Wedding

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

1. Psalms 40-42
2. Psalms 43:1-45:12
3. Psalms 45:13-48:14
4. Psalms 49:1-51:9
5. Psalms 51:10-54:7
6. Psalms 55:1-57:3
7. Psalms 57:4-60:12

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