

Schedule of Meeting Times:

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM

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Study Sunday 10:00 AM

Worship Sunday 11:00 AM

Worship Sunday 5:00 PM

Singing every 2nd Sunday evening

Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

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with us!**Servants during September:****Songleader:** Chandler (7), Dwight (14), Stanley (21), Larry (28)**Reading:** Robert**Announcements:** Stanley**Communion:** Mike, Lakin, Larry, Chandler**Wednesday Lesson:** Kris (3), Mike (10), Larry (17), Stanley (24), Kris (31)**Lawn Mowing (week beginning):**

Marty (7), Stanley (14), Robert (21), Larry (28), Kris (11/4)

Singing: Kris and Cindy's (28)**Area Meetings:****Hays Mill church of Christ**

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**The Bible .
Examiner***"Examine everything carefully..." -1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB**Volume 1**October 14, 2018**Number 29*

Et Tu, Christian?

By Rusty Miller

In all of recorded history, there are few more poignant words than those of Julius Caesar as he faced death from assassins. Looking around to see those who deemed him worthy of death, he was shocked to see the face of Brutus, whom he considered his friend. According to tradition, he looked him in the eye and said, "Et tu, Brute?" which is to say, "You too, Brutus?"

The theme of betrayal, which runs through the story of Caesar's assassination, is what draws us to it, even though the event occurred over 2,000 years ago. It is also one of the things which makes the story of Judas Iscariot so devastating. Betrayal is an event which stirs in us some of the strongest, most pained emotions we possess. No one, not even evil people, can countenance betrayal (witness what happens to Mafioso who betray the "family").

Imagine then, what it will be like for some at the final judgment. They will be lost, and they will wonder why some of their friends, who had the truth all along, never bothered to tell them they were in such peril. They saw some of us every day, and we never told them about the beauty of accepting Christ. We often sing a song which says, "You met me day by day, and knew I was astray, but never mentioned Him to me." What a sense of betrayal those people will feel!

One of the most prominent themes of the New Testament history books (the gospels and Acts) is that when people found out about Jesus, they wanted to tell others. Andrew, the apostle of Jesus, made it his first duty after meeting Jesus: "He found first his own brother Simon, and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah,'" Jn 1:41. Where

would the New Testament story be if not for Andrew's desire to share the message with the man Jesus named Peter, who played such a prominent role in building the early church?


When Jesus met with the woman at the well in Samaria, her first step after talking with Him was to go into the city and tell them, "Come see a man..." Jn 4:29. In the book of Acts, the pages are filled with stories about those willing to share the message of the gospel. When the church faces its greatest challenge, when the much admired Stephen has been murdered, when Saul is persecuting the church without mercy, when they are scattered from their homes into new cities where they face the discouragement, not only of persecution, but also of being separated from one another, what happens? "Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word," Acts 8:4.

Paul, as he faced charges which would eventually bring about his death, found it less necessary to proclaim his innocence than to preach Jesus even to those with power to set him free (Felix, Festus, Agrippa). He closes his great defense before Agrippa with these

most beautiful words, after Agrippa has commented somewhat favorably on Paul's attempt to convert him, "I would to God, that whether in a short or long time, not only you, but also all who hear me this day, might become such as I am, except for these chains," Acts 26:28.

What does all this have to do with our neighbors and co-workers on the Day of Judgment? Only that our goals should be the same. That is, we should be so excited about the salvation we have that we are not only willing, but also eager to tell others about it. Why should our zeal be less than that of the early church, who certainly faced more challenges than we do?

It is not enough to "win people by example," though that is certainly a noble idea. Some people will not respond unless they see what the gospel has done in our own lives. But the fact is our example will only win people if they already know we are Christians. We cannot simply expect them to assume we are Christians. How sad if someone on judgment day looks at us and says, "Et tu, Christian?"

—via the Cahaba Heights church of Christ bulletin. 

Six Blind Men & the Elephant

A Hindu Parable

It was six men of Indostan
To learning much inclined,
Who went to see the Elephant

(Though all of them were blind),
That each by observation
Might satisfy his mind.

The First approached the Elephant,
And happening to fall
Against his broad and sturdy side,
At once began to bawl:
"I fear, but that the Elephant
Is very **like a wall!**"

The Second, feeling of the tusk
Cried, "Ho! What have we here,
So very round and smooth and sharp?
To me 'tis mighty clear
This wonder of an Elephant
Is very **like a spear!**"

The Third approached the animal,
And happening to take
The squirming trunk within his hands,
Thus boldly up he spake:
"I see," quoth he, "the Elephant
Is very **like a snake!**"

The Fourth reached out an eager hand,
And felt about the knee:
"What most this wondrous beast is
like
Is mighty plain," quoth he;
"'Tis clear enough the Elephant
Is very **like a tree!**"

The Fifth, who chanced to touch the
ear,
Said: "E'en the blindest man


Can tell what this resembles most;
Deny the fact who can,
This marvel of an Elephant
Is very **like a fan!**"

The Sixth no sooner had begun
About the beast to grope,
Than, seizing on the swinging tail
That fell within his scope.
"I see," quoth he, "the Elephant
Is very **like a rope!**"

And so these men of Indostan
Disputed loud and long,
Each in his own opinion
Exceeding stiff and strong,
Though each was partly in the right,
And **all were in the wrong!**

Moral:

So oft in theologic wars,
The disputants, I ween,
Rail on in utter ignorance
Of what each other mean,
And prate about an Elephant
Not one of them has seen."

—by John Godfrey Saxe (1816-1887). We can understand the scriptures, and understand them alike (Eph 3:3-5; 2 Pet 1:20,21); but we can't if we or those we speak with pull passages out of context (2 Pet 3:15,16)—we must all be fair with the text! 

Remember in Prayer

Please don't forget David Harwell, who had a heart procedure Thursday with the expectation of more surgery on the horizon; Shay, whose baby was premature, and very sadly, didn't survive; and all the brethren affected by the most recent hurricane—particularly in Panama City, Florida.

Also, continue to remember Lois Adams and her brother, Ted; Ruth Black, Carolyn Dennis, Tim and Dot Hice, Polly McNatt, and Hazel Teeples; as well as Billy and Marie's grandson, Austin, and Buddy's friend, Herbert Sides.