



Life Lines

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MY LINES

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CSI: Cross-Scene Investigation (Hebrews 10:16-25)

Crime scene investigators are a hot-looking lot. Brainy beauty boys and babes with high-tech toys spend time tinkering in laboratories with cadavers and chemistry collecting clues, letting the evidence lead, and it's all done in under an hour.

They fight crime while collecting unspeakable human fluids, encountering gruesome violence with dispassionate analysis, and have new clothes for every show.

The CSI franchise (shows now set in Las Vegas, Miami and New York) has attracted so much attention among the viewing public that it's having an impact in American courtrooms and classrooms.

The programs have popularized the study of forensic science.

The CSI shows have been around for awhile – what's new is that in American courtrooms, the CSI effect is a phenomenon. Courts around the country now screen their juries to see who watches CSI. Many juries now *hold higher standard for courtroom science*, believe in its infallibility, and are less bored by forensic details.

Crime scene procedures makes it harder for the bad guy to get away with his crime.

Crime scene investigation: It's the perfect time to do a crime scene investigation. How did Jesus die and who killed Him? You might answer,

"He died of crucifixion, with the Romans and temple leadership conspiring to kill Him."

Yes, but before you rush to judgment, let's see what the evidence shows.

Trouble is . . . we don't have a crime scene. What do we have? We have a forensic report previously published in the *Journal of American Medical Association* called "On the Physical Death of Jesus Christ." By using the Biblical data, well-regarded ancient historical documents and modern forensic science, these experts pieced together what likely caused His death.

The evidence suggests that the most likely cause is asphyxiation. Contributing factors included dehydration and blood loss, perhaps stress-induced heart arrhythmia or congestive heart failure.

Jesus died in pain and with feelings of abandonment.

Now we know *how* He died . . . but that doesn't tell us who killed Him. Who was responsible for His death and what was their motive?

We could point to the Roman soldiers who actually performed His execution. They did their duty. For a soldier to refuse an order would have been to invite his own death,

We know they participated, but under whose orders?

We could point to Pilate, who ordered His flogging and His crucifixion. Pilate's motive . . . fear? He may have feared a riot (look weak to Rome).

We could point to Caiaphas, the high priests and the Sanhedrin . . . a fear . . . of leading people astray.

We could point to the crowds who forced Pilate to act.

Motive? Blood lust, their disappointment about Jesus, anger, sceptical?

Here's the deal: without a confession, the answer to the question of "who" is always built on a circumstantial case. Not to assign blame, not to determine the cause of death, but rather to offer a confession that each of us must shoulder the responsibility for His murder.

WE DID IT!

We, with our weaknesses and failings, complete with our willful disobedience of God's laws, and with our own feelings of hatred, jealousy, lust or anger, did it.

We, with our need for salvation, did it.

We, because of our willful sin and rebellion, did it.

We, because we are like sheep that have gone astray, "*. . . and the Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all,*" did it

If we are reluctant to admit this, consider the weight of Scripture, "*. . . all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*" (Romans 3:23); "*God proves His love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.*" (Romans 5:8); "*For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled, to God through the death of His Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by His life,*" (Romans 5:10)

Of course, a plea bargain is possible. We admit guilt; God offers a full and complete pardon.

We've seen the scene, the crime scene. We figured out the causes. We've made the confession.

It is time to accept His forgiveness and our redemption. God remembers our sins and our lawless deeds no more.

Let's have confidence that our hearts are now pure, and, in the assurance of faith, let us hold fast to our hope. (Hebrews 10:17, 19, 22-23)

When we do this, it frees us to live again!

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Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlistar

"A coincidence is a small miracle where God prefers to remain anonymous."

This is what happens when we pray to God. We pray for something, it comes about, and we think, "What a coincidence!"

Jesus tells us that anything we ask in prayer, believing, we will receive. **"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."** (Mark 11:24) Is our faith too weak to believe this?

Our problem is that we can only see today. We see what we need right now. We can't see in the future, see the big picture. God can, and this is wonderful. He answers our prayers for the best, each and every time.

Listen to the prayer of a child. You can feel their faith. They have no doubt that God will answer their prayers. Their words are from the heart.

God puts no limit on what we can pray for. We can and should pray for others, we can pray for an increase in our faith and we can pray for a greater wisdom of His Word. We can pray for jobs, for our businesses, for our country and our leaders. We should especially pray for the leaders of our church.

Sometimes I feel as though my prayers are always asking for something. I am not thanking Him enough for what He has already blessed me with. I fail to thank Him for His grace. I fail to thank Him for the great creation He made for us. He gives us so much that we never even ask for.

"My Jesus knows just what I need,
Oh, yes, He knows just what I need;
He satisfies, and every need supplies,
Yes, He knows just what I need."

By: *Mosie Lister*

Remember Our Sick

Lawrence Boley –shunt replace-ment, again. Surgery scheduled for Thursday, April 13th, in Little Rock.

Lloyd Collins – diagnoses, cancer.

Hoyt Ensey – has had more health problems.

Chris Henderson – Troy Meadows' nephew, still in Baptist Hosp., Little Rock. Still Critical. Diagnosed with a rare incurable muscle disease

Alice Hollis – still weak. Gall bladder surgery scheduled for Thursday, April 27th, Arkansas Heart Hospital, Little Rock.

Lovella Loyd – Victor Loyd's mother, serious health problems.

John Myers – gradually improving - more tests.

W. T. Williams – Micah's Grandfather, improving ewith pace-maker.

Shut-ins: Need prayers and visits.

Dover Area: **Bernice Brown**
Evelyn Burton
Mae Vanzandt

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:
Thelma Hatcher

Esther Sparks

Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Lloyd Boley, Susie Boley, Dora Dean Cloud, Jamie Churchill, Sue Griffin, Jeff Davis, Barbara Forehand, Virginia Grant, Grady Gregory, Vickie Gregory, Brian Holloway, Jim Killer, Ray King, Robert and Rose Lee, Bill and Mary McAlister, Troy and Bennie Lou Meadows, Jannie Myers, Joe Miller, Nolan Passmore, Teresa Phillips, Laurie Ann Robey, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, Virgil Turner, Sue Williams, Pauline Whorton, Valentina and Elsie Youngerman.

Special Children: Emmy May, Gabriel Ross Finlayson, Keith Martin, Zachary Shelton and Noah Williams.

Military: Jon Allen, Darus Brown, Greg Davis, Johnny Ragsdale, Cole Wetzel and Rudy Will.

CSI

Crime Scene Investigation
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Notice the effects of death:

God's covenant is written in our hearts and minds. (10:16)

Our sins are forgiven. (10:17-18)

We can pray. (10:19-22)

Our conscience is clean. (10:22)

We have hope again. (10:23)

We can help each other to love and do good deeds. (10:24)

We will want to worship to-gether. (10:25)

We will want to encourage each other. (10:25)

These are not the actions of condemned, unforgiven criminals. These are the actions of the people of God who, although acknowledging their complicity in the death of Jesus, live as those forgiven, and now empowered to experience life as God intended it to be experienced.

Christ's sacrifice was made once, for all of us.

Those are the facts.

That's the result of the Cross Scene Investigation.

Case closed.

Sunday AM Service
April 9, 2006

Dover Church of Christ
May 21, 2006
Potluck honoring our 2006
graduates (after evening
services).

The graduates are:
Kaci Statler - High School
Catlin Straight -High School
Alan Walker – High School

Arkansas Tech University -
Jana Parker McGuire
Ashlee Womack Wilson

Events

Dover Church of Christ Children's Church

Every Sunday

11:15 - 12:00 Noon

Ages 2 to 8

Story for April

"Joseph, the Interpreter
Of Dreams"

(Genesis 37 - 50)

Memory Verse:

*"I can do all things through
Christ who gives me
strength."*

(Phil. 4:13)

AREA WIDE DEVO

Sunday Night
April 23rd, 6:00PM

Clarksville Church
of Christ
2211 West Main
Ph: (479) 754-3360

FELLOWSHIP,
FOOD
AND
FUN!!

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Church of Christ Annual Fish Fry

Saturday, April 29th

Camp Caudle

5:30 PM

More details to follow.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN HOME

Be a Part of this
80th Year!!

Open House and
Homecoming

Saturday, May 6,
2006

9:30 AM: Registration

10:00 AM: Program

12:00 Noon: Bar-B-Q

Lunch

1:00 PM: Fellowship
and Karaoke

Send donations to:
Southern Christian Home
P.O.B. 649
Morrilton, AR 72110

APRIL Birthdays

- 09 Skylar Creel
Suzy Pennington
14 Danielle Smith
15 Loredana Qualls
16 Zach Pennington
17 Shannon Walters
18 Gicala Lee
19 Earlene Davis
22 Curtis Rackley
Brett Walters
23 Rusty Parker
Tabatha Turner
24 Chrissie Robison
27 Sharon Rackley
Mae Vanzandt
29 Kati Pennington
30 Lindsay Hollis

Mae Vanzandt will be 100
years young on April 27,
2006!!

If we missed your birthday,
please let us know so it won't
happen again.

Dover Church of Christ Young Adults & Children

Saturday, April 22, 5PM
Sports World

Dover Church of Christ
Singles Breakfast
9:00 AM, Bayou Café
Every Saturday

THOSE TO SERVE

April 23, 2006

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Blake Walters
Brett Walters

Communion

Podium: James Chadwick
Serve: Marion Helton
Paul Helton
Rex McDaniel
Rick Hollis

Scripture Reading

William Boley

**Sunday P.M.
Prayers**

Chris Loper
Dennis Whiteside

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Leota Hickey

Communion to Shut-Ins

Marion Helton
Merrell Shoptaw

Greeters

Allen and Marilyn Veasman

Wednesday Night Devotional

April 19, 2006

William Boley

Meeting Times
Sunday Morning Bible Classes
9:45 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship
10:45 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 P.M.
Ladies Tuesday Bible Class
10:00 A.M.
Wednesday Bible Classes
7:00 P.M.

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Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156
Sid Womack 967-2367

Deacons:

Chris Besterfeldt
Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Chris Moss
Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Charlene Clark
Patsy Wisbrock
Wednesday Class: Carin Vaughn

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