



The Caller

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You're invited!

*Spring Gospel Meeting
April 22– April 25,
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Speaker:

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Times & Lesson Topics

9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Class	The Bible
10:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship	The Love of God
6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Worship	The Church
7:00 p.m. Monday Night	The Cross
7:00 p.m. Tuesday Night	The Grace of God
7:00 p.m. Wednesday Night	The Family

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He Did

The Bible teaches “all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Later in the same book Paul records that “the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23). God’s justice would demand that His wrath be meted out to all who sin! Could you imagine if we had to face such wrath? Remember when Isaiah came into the presence of a Holy God (Isaiah 6)? Isaiah felt that he as a sinful man could not exist in the presence of a Holy God. What could possibly be done to bring man out of this horrible predicament?

Fortunately, because of the love of God and the humility of Christ, we don’t have to face God’s wrath. We don’t have to face the wrath of God because Christ bore it for us! We don’t have to face God’s wrath because HE DID! What an amazing thought. Could mere man ever be able to even consider facing God’s wrath? We understand from seeing what Christ endured leading up to the agony of the cross and the bearing the wrath of God for the sin of the world, that we would not be able to endure.

Prior to the beating, prior to being nailed to the cross, prior to the crown of thorns being pressed down upon His head, Jesus had already showed Himself to be under more stress than most any of us would ever endure! And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground (Luke 22:44).

The other gospel writers don’t mention the physical effects of Jesus’ night in the Garden, that He had “great drops of blood” fall from his brow to the ground, but Luke did. A detail a doctor was likely to record. The stress would have to be intense for hematidrosis to occur—a stress like facing death.

But Luke, as a physician, does not report a bloody sweat dripping from Jesus’ brow, he says there were “great drops of blood.” The blood was already coagulated. The Greek word Luke used that is translated “great drops” can also be translated clots. The stress Jesus experienced was so intense, that it appears great blood clots fell from his brow on the ground.

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Sunday’s Sermons:

***A.M. — Change?
Colossians 3:5-17***

***P.M. — Prepare the Way
Luke 3:1-20***