



Coffeeville First Baptist Church
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The year was about 760 B.C. when a farmer living about 10 miles south of Jerusalem found his heart and mind burden with sorrow for his beloved nation about to be judged. Try as he may, he cannot shake the message and calling of God that was swirling in his head. The farmer's name was Amos, and the message God gave him foretold of the tragedy that would come upon the Nation of Israel and foreshadowed the darkest day in human history; the day on which Jesus would be crucified. God gave Amos these words, "And it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord God, "That I will make the sun go down at noon, And I will darken the earth in broad daylight; I will turn your feasts into mourning, And all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on every waist, And baldness on every head; I will make it like mourning for an only son, And its end like a bitter day."

As I read those verses, I cannot help but wonder how Jesus must have felt when He read them knowing that they spoke of Him. I wonder if He thought about how bitter that day would be. How bitter would be the day when the one He trusted with the money betrayed Him for a few silver coins? How bitter would be the day when the one who stood by His side with a sword to defend Him at His arrest later deny that he knew Him? How bitter would be the day when the One who created humanity was rejected by it? How bitter would be the day

when the One whose spit had opened the eyes of the blind would be spit upon by those still blinded? How bitter would be the day when the One who chose to put on flesh would have His flesh stripped from Him as He was whipped by Roman guards? How bitter would be the day when the One who had healed so many would be bruised and broken? How bitter would be the day when the One whose life had exemplified gentleness and love was surrounded by anger and hate? How bitter would be the day when the One who promised, "whoever believes in me will never thirst again," cries out "I thirst"? How bitter would be the day when the feet that walked on water would be nailed to a piece of wood? How bitter would be the day when the hands that blessed countless were stretched out as a curse? How bitter would be the day when the One who heard a voice from heaven say, "this is My Son in whom I am well pleased," now cried out to heaven asking why He had been forsaken? How bitter would be the day when the One whose words breathed calm into the storms and life into the dead breathed His last? How bitter would be the day for the One who "owned the cattle on a thousand hills," to be buried in a borrowed tomb? How bitter would be the day? At Jesus' death and burial those who loved Him, faced with the bitterness of the day, found themselves in a state of hopelessness, but they did not know that Sunday was coming.

The people who were a

part of that first Easter had stood at the foot of the cross and watched as the One who carried all their hopes and dreams died. Their guts wrenched as they listened to the hammer pound the spikes into His hand and feet then watched as the Roman soldier plunge the spear into Jesus' side; removing all doubt that He was dead. They followed those who carried Him to the tomb, and when they heard the stone being moved into place as the tomb was sealed, they knew in their hearts it was over. Hope was lost. The Gospel accounts do not tell us what Jesus' followers did in the time between His death and resurrection, but I can imagine that the Apostles, His family, and closest followers mourned Him and questioned what lay ahead for them. Their people had waited 400 years for a Savior, and just when they began to hope and believe that God had finally sent the Messiah; it all vanished just as suddenly as it had appeared. Many had left all they had to follow Jesus. They never expected it to end this way. After all, He was the Messiah, or at least they thought He was. Now they questioned what, if anything, they had to go back to. They found themselves in a place where they were not sure what to do next or even if there was a next thing to do. For the Apostles no doubt the possibility of their own execution lingered in their minds. Hopelessness had overtaken them. When that bitter day ended little did they know that Sunday was coming, and what happened on that first Easter Sunday changed not only their lives but the course of human history for eternity.

At Easter we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the hope we have in knowing He has defeated death and hell for eternity for all who believe in Him. You see, most would say an empty tomb represents a hopeless end, but as Christians we rejoice because for us the empty tomb represents an endless hope, a risen Savior.



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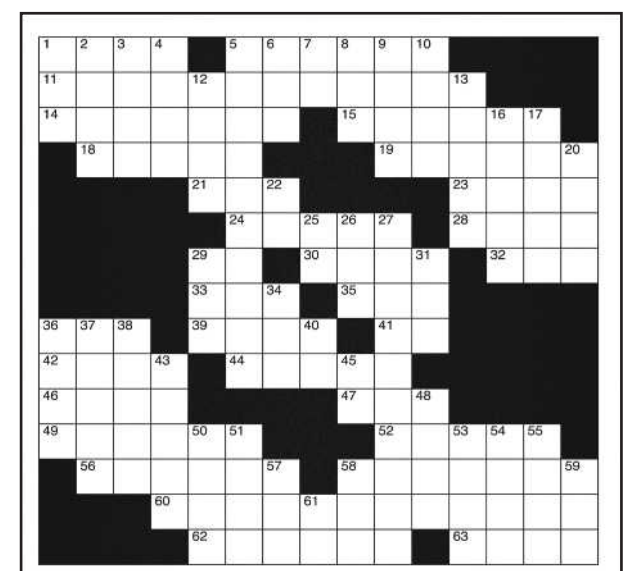
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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Absence of difficulty
 - 5. Preserve a dead body
 - 11. Gratitude
 - 14. The act of coming together again
 - 15. More cushy
 - 18. Visionaries
 - 19. Large fish-eating bird
 - 21. Indicates near
 - 23. Former CIA and CIA critic
 - 24. Icelandic poems
 - 28. Pop
 - 29. Hammer is one
 - 30. Selfs
 - 32. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
 - 33. Nowhere to be found
 - 35. Electronic data processing
 - 36. Drivers' licenses and passports are two
 - 39. Snake-like fishes
 - 41. Air Force
 - 42. Popular personal computers
 - 44. Stages in ecological succession
 - 46. Wings
 - 47. In the center
 - 49. Pleasantly smooth
 - 52. Jeweled headdress
 - 56. In slow tempo
 - 58. ___ Falls
 - 60. Reiterations
 - 62. Eras
 - 63. Hyphen

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Body part
 - 2. Mimics
 - 3. Expel or eject (variant sp.)
 - 4. Sea eagle
 - 5. Taxonomic category
 - 6. Chinese languages
 - 7. Mr. T's "A-Team" character
 - 8. Consumed
 - 9. Chinese dynasty
 - 10. NFL legend Randy
 - 12. Ireland
 - 13. Palm trees with creeping roots
 - 16. Fungal disease
 - 17. Tall, slender-leaved plants
 - 20. Affirmative! (slang)
 - 22. It says who you are
 - 25. Atlantic coast state
 - 26. Grow older
 - 27. Associations
 - 29. Woman (French)
 - 31. Sunscreen rating
 - 34. Brew
 - 36. Leader
 - 37. Indigo bush genus
 - 38. Burn with a hot liquid
 - 40. Junior's father
 - 43. Mackerel genus
 - 45. Morning
 - 48. Straight line from side to side (abbr.)
 - 50. Type of molding
 - 51. Small, thin or twisted bunch
 - 53. Worm by exposure to the weather
 - 54. Mars crater
 - 55. Humanities
 - 57. Relating to the ears
 - 58. "To the ___ degree"
 - 59. Residue when something is burned
 - 61. It cools a home

See
Answers On
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SUDOKU

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Level: intermediate

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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D O A G B A I T H P M D S A L W A B B G
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