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Worlds greatest deception discovered

by Kevin Branham

Today local officials uncovered a plot of deception and a con game on a scale that is unprecedented in history. A rare artifact, once thought to be missing was recently discovered hidden away. The size and number of people involved with this cover up boggles the mind. The artifact was known throughout the country and was seen by thousands of people. People traveled far and wide to get a glimpse or to actually touch this rarity, only to be led to believe that is was destroyed and taken away. Not until recently was the artifact discovered.

Now uncovered, the plot of deception is said to indicate a large number of people to be behind the scheme. The country is relatively small in size, but all the while, the artifact has been kept in seclusion for thousands of years without any trace.

The plot started on the day of "destruction" for the artifact. Several hundred people witnessed the artifact as it underwent hours of damage and turmoil. The amount of damage it sustained was something that people still talk about today, but yet it would not be destroyed. Finally the

artifact was taken to a place in the country side to undergo it's final demise. After 6 hours, the artifact finally was destroyed.

Eventually some people came and took the artifact away to a place so it could rest. Now is where the deception comes into play. Local officials placed two guards on the artifact, for the value of it was enormous and to have it taken into hiding would not do. Yet only now have we learned that is exactly what happened.

In actuality, the artifact had

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a group of close followers and they had struck a deal with the government and local leaders. The followers would take the artifact and hide it forever. The leaders agreed because the artifact had only caused them trouble and turmoil. The followers bribed the guards into silence and took the artifact into hiding and out of sight. Now for its part, the government and local leaders could never reveal it's true location because the people would

revolt and try to get the artifact. They would silence the entire group of people involved from their end. The followers would develop a story of it's vanishing and continue to act as though they were still following the artifact and what it stood for. As a result, the people would not know the difference and things would go on not knowing the plot.

The truth remained hidden for over 2,000 years until some searchers uncovered the true resting place of the destroyed artifact. As the facts are coming into the

light, the number of people involved has been mind blowing. The number has been roughly estimated at over 200 with direct knowledge, which includes the followers, government officials, military and people who have hidden the artifact. The number is thought to be more than five times that amount of people with indirect knowledge. To say that this is beyond anything in its time or since, is a bold understatement, especially since the evidence has never been discovered before or that no one has told

the story. Despite hundreds of searches, the artifact was never found until now.

You know, that is exactly what some people are trying to get us to believe by saying that they have found the "true" grave of Jesus and that they have discovered His body along with His family. The simple truth is that Jesus came to earth as the Son of God, lived a sinless life, was crucified for our sins and arose from the dead. People seem to have a hard time with that concept, but this was done to cleanse our sins so that we may join Jesus and His Father in Heaven. A lot of people have tried to disprove the idea of Jesus being the Son of God and that He has risen from the grave, but the more they try to disprove it, the more it is confirmed. Easter is a time of celebration and remembrance of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. As you gather in celebration, remember the truth. Jesus was crucified and arose on the third day. The fact is, no other "god" can make that claim.



Just Thinking

by Ken Goode



All right, already! Enough of the cold! I am ready to be warm. I am through leaving home in the dark with a cold vehicle. I am tired of scraping the ice off the windshield. I am tired of dragging a coat around with me. I am tired of long-sleeve shirts.

I appreciate all of the moisture that comes with the snow. I appreciate that those deep, cold days kill off a harvest of critters hiding in the ground waiting to launch their attack on our spring flowers. I appreciate that some of you (sick) people like the cold but it is time to heat up the world. Where is global warming when you need it?

As for me, I want to expose my short-sleeved arms to the sun. I want to sit out in the backyard with my shoes off. I want to drive with my window down. I want to ride the motorcycle without the layers of clothes that make me walk like a penguin. Give me warmth or give me just give me warmth. Call me a baby but I am tired of being cold.

These short winter days mess with my mind. I get a bad attitude. I look at the glass half empty. My motivation level goes subterranean. Fortunately, the weather is not my only source of heat. These things keep me warm. Coffee time spent with friends in deep and shallow conversations, mostly shallow; hanging with my Sunday School class at Del Norte; watching our granddaughter play at MacDonald's; sitting with my wife Eileen in front of our fireplace; combing through the shelves of books at Barnes and Nobles; hot oatmeal; cold pumpkin pie; catching up on my motorcycle maintenance.

Now that I think about it, I am not as cold as my whining warrants. In fact, I am quite toasty. It is all a matter of perspective. That is true with many things. We lose grasp of the finer things that give life substance. We expect the big things such as jobs, homes, bank accounts and such to provide meaning. They do provide the framework but the details flesh out life. Imagine walls without anything hung on them or shelves without books or knickknacks. Pretty empty, huh?

God pumps our life full of the small things. The combination of those small things creates a synergism that we call life. You know synergism; the whole is larger than the sum of the parts? Do you want to see evidence of God in your life? Look for those small things. They carry the fingerprints of God. So stay warm my friend, summer is coming and life in its fullest is already here.



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This will be for church contributions, letters, requests, etc.

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Presents:



Vacation Bible School Training

Thursday, April 17th

Sandia Baptist Church

5:00 Dinner

6:00-8:15 Conferences

Conferences will include:

General Officers/Directors

Preschool Classes Children Bible Study

Children's Music Children's Crafts

Children's Missions Children's Recreation

Youth VBS

Spanish VBS available on request



Reservations are required for meal & conference!!

Call Kevin at 243-2707 to make a reservation.

Childcare available by reservation.

Bring your VBS leader books & packs to your conference.



Dear Partners in Missions,

In a few weeks we will be celebrating Annie Armstrong emphasis on the mission work that is happening in the United States.

I would like to request prayer for your church planters that are on the mission field in our Jerusalem, Central Baptist Association:



1. Sherlock and Luz Vargas, Hispanic Preaching Point at Monterey Baptist Church.
2. Pedro and Rosa Martinez, Hispanic Preaching Point at Bernalillo First Baptist Church.
3. Jose Solano and Jose Sosa, Hispanic Preaching Point at Belen First Baptist Church.
4. Carlos and Maritza Bomnafoux, Hispanic Bible Study at Celebration Baptist Church.
5. David and Beth Deutsawe, Sandstone Community Church –Native American Work- at 8011 Avenue NE, Albuquerque.

The Lord has blessed Central Baptist Association in starting Spanish Speaking preaching points and a Native American new work. Your churches are contributing towards this work through your Cooperative Program, Association, and Annie Armstrong giving. But most of all your prayers and concerns for the mission field are the most important ingredients in fulfilling the "Great Commission" in our association.

As you remember through Anny Armstrong Mission week to pray for the missionaries that are located all over the United States, I would like to request that your churches could include the list of your Jerusalem missionaries that are working in Central Baptist Association.

Furthermore, I would like to express my gratitude to Monterey Baptist church, Belen First Baptist Church, Bernalillo First Baptist church, Celebration Baptist Church, and Carlisle Community Baptist Church for being lead partners in the mission endeavor at Central Baptist Association.

If your church would like to be a partner or a lead partner in the exciting ethnic work in our association, I would like for you to pray and let us know how we can assist you toward this goal. In addition, if you would like to hear the testimony of the church planters that are working in our association, please let us know.

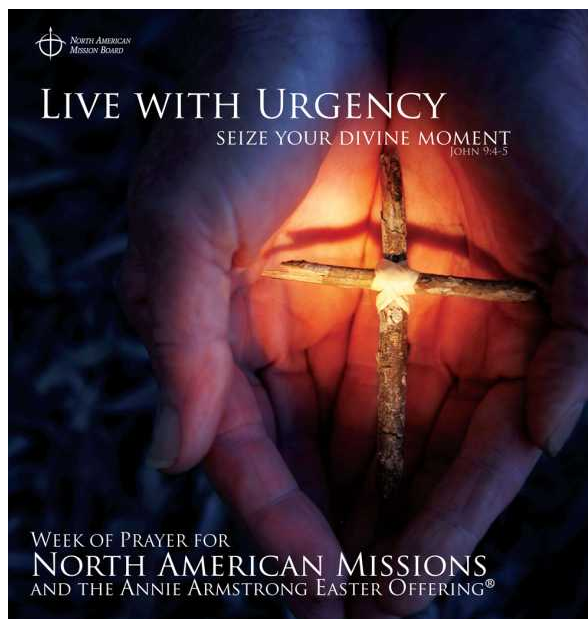
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rafael A. Murillo".

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Week of Prayer

March 2 - 9



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Palm Sunday

Mar 16



Daylight Savings Time
Mar 9



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Easter

Mar 23



Block Party Trailer Training

Mar 29



Mar 17

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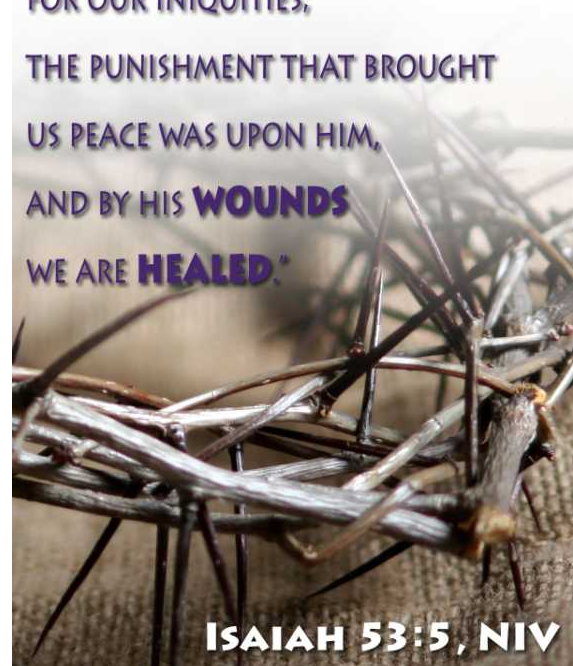
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"BUT HE WAS **PIERCED** FOR OUR
TRANSGRESSIONS, HE WAS **CRUSHED**
FOR OUR INIQUITIES;
THE PUNISHMENT THAT BROUGHT
US PEACE WAS UPON HIM,
AND BY HIS **WOUNDS**
WE ARE **HEALED.**"



ISAIAH 53:5, NIV