



# The City Temple Times

## THE GOSPEL OF CAIAPHAS AND THE TEA PARTY

JOHN 11:47 - 54

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**Jesus had done that which by any standard is impossible—He had raised Lazarus from the dead after his body had been in the tomb long enough to decay.**

The result is the people were convinced that the long awaited Messiah had arrived and the children of Israel would be delivered from Roman rule.

When the Pharisees got wind of this miracle, a meeting was hastily called and one of those present declared, "if we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him. Then the Romans will come and take away both our Temple and our people."

Fast forward to Nov. 4, 2008 when Senator Barack Hussein Obama became the first African American president in the United States of America.

Suddenly, hope was alive and well and there was the feeling that dreams do indeed come true.

However, when some of our sisters and brothers of a lighter hue recovered from their shock and dismay, they thought to themselves, "if we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him."

The result was, almost before the clean-up from the inaugural celebration was finished, the Tea Party was formed.

Its purpose ultimately was to deny President Obama a second term in office and fight against anything he proposed.

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## CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH & CONTINUING OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

### Sometimes, history does repeat itself.

This morning, we will celebrate both Jesus and President Obama by drawing some parallels about their experiences.

Caiaphas, the High Priest, sets the tone for finding a solution to their dilemma. In John 11:50, he says, "you don't see that it is better for you that one man die for the people rather than the whole nation be

destroyed. It is clear that what he says is influenced more by the self-serving interest of the Sadducees than by God. However, he does not realize that both he and God have the same objective in mind: the death of Jesus. But they have radically different motives—Caiaphas and the Sadducees

want Jesus dead so they can maintain their power. God will use the death of Jesus to provide salvation for the world.

God will even use that which has evil intent to shower someone with blessings.

Caiaphas could not detect that God was at work because he was blinded by his preconceived bias against Jesus. And because of this bias, they treated Jesus with disrespect:

They refer to Him as "this man," only a worthless person would be handed over to the hostile Gentiles to die, and dying on the cross is evident of being "worthless."

Out of curiosity, I Googled "Disrespect of President Obama," and one result was an article titled, "The 10 Worst Moments of Disrespect Towards President Obama" by Lauren Victoria Burke. Burke wrote:

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# Why Women Cry XI

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# DANCE MINISTRY

## *praise report*

Ministers Marshall and Lori,

Ladies, your Black History contribution to the worship service on Sunday, February 21, 2016, was awesome. I have not seen, or been part of, a more spiritual dance experience. This entire piece should have been performed on T.V. so that millions of folk (Black and White) could watch it and, become informed of our history and of your message – that we need to help our youth “Break the chains!”

The Dance Ministry participants were dressed and performed like professionals. That experience needs to be repeated, yearly. Please don't let it go! It's too good. The writer/director and speaker should be given awards for such creativity. It was, indeed, an emotional blessing.

I shall always remember it. I'm very proud of the efforts of our young ladies in our Dance Ministry. The whole production was a complete sermon unto itself. It was so creative, informative, excellently done and awesome. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Thank you so much for the experience,

Robert E. Russell, Member  
The City Temple of Baltimore (Baptist)



### USHERS & NURSES

The City Temple of Baltimore (Baptist) Ushers and Nurses Ministries will celebrate our anniversary on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 3:30pm.

Our very own First Lady Minister Patricia Yeargin will be the speaker of the hour.

We are inviting our City Temple family along with ushers, nurses and congregations from churches around the city to join us. Please help us fill the sanctuary with praise and glory to God for his faithfulness.

He has allowed us to serve Him 46 years and He keeps on blessing us everyday.



*In Loving Memory*  
**ADINA CARTER**  
MAY 30, 1941 - FEBRUARY 10, 2016

Adina,

You did not tell us you were going away.  
You were with us so long, we thought you were here to stay.  
But God had other plans for you,  
And he wants us to accept those plans too.

Heaven needed your welcoming and smiling face,  
So, God sent someone else to take your place.

When we reach those pearly gates, we know you'll be there  
To welcome God's people from everywhere.

So, smile on, Adina. Job well done!

*Patricia Shearn-Ward*





The Amazing Grace Ministry is a ministry of restoration, healing and hope.

Organized in November 2012, the Amazing Grace Ministry is one of the youngest ministries at City Temple of Baltimore (Baptist). More than a traditional "Health Ministry," with the blessings of Pastor Yeargin and the visionary leadership of Rev. Debra Hickman and assistance of Rev. Tyra Curley, City Temple members and others receive health and wellness information around heart health, diabetes, cancer, mental illnesses and other diseases (mind); we enjoy healthy recipes and we beat the pavement in walks through areas of the city and surrounding counties (body).

In addition, this Ministry partners with STAR and the Bayview Medical Center in rendering services and support to persons directly affected by sexually transmitted diseases and to family caregivers for those suffering from various illnesses. Not least is the Amazing Grace Prayer Line (spirit).

The call-in Prayer Line is activated every Wednesday at 6:00 a.m. (712-432-1632, code 987357#.) This is where my personal testimony begins.

February 10, 2015. Ash Wednesday. I woke at 5:45 in the morning. I thought, "Perhaps I can join the Amazing Grace Prayer Line today. (Although repeated weekly among my calendar alerts, it had been a while since I joined these prayer warriors.) Already this had been a tough week in my battle with depression and Seasonal Affective Disorder, so I looked forward to my upcoming yoga class as a source of some relief. But wait, first things first. Not wanting to be late making the connection, I reached for the cup of water and pillbox on my nightstand, dumped all the medication in my hand and quickly swallowed. I dialed

the number, announced my name, and greeted my prayer partners, glad that this time I was right on time.

Just happy to be on the line, I had no special prayer request. As Rev. Debbie (my term of affection) led us to the throne of grace, a wave of nausea washed over me and I began to gag. Placing the telephone on the bed, I dashed to the bathroom, body trembling and head spinning; I vomited ... clear and yellow liquid everywhere. I could hear slight murmurs from the telephone but by the time I returned, the voices were silent. The phone was "dead". With great effort, I strived to get myself together. I could not afford a melt down because I had such a busy day laid out for myself. If only my body would stop shaking. My daughter helped me to dress, begging me not to get behind the wheel. By 8:30 I was at a shopping center buying something (can't remember what) that I urgently needed.

Done! I was on my way back home. The problem was that I was getting dizzy and dosing – not the best driving condition. I ran a stop sign, missed my turn, then finally pulled into my community and

parked outside my home. Big sigh.

Surprise on me! My trembling body was now rigid and still; I could not budge; even my eyes shut down. Who knows how long I stayed in the car sleeping in "fits and starts" before I managed to disembark and walk, very cautiously, to my front door. I didn't realize how tired I was. "Time for a reality check", I thought. Decided I would take a nap in my bed rather than engage in the practice of yoga at the Fitness Center. I felt like an infant as my daughter tucked me in bed; just for an hour I mumbled as I drifted off to sleep. About 2 ½ hours later she gently awaken me so I could keep a telephone appointment. After taking care of business,

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## AMAZING GRACE MINISTRY

Rev. Debra Hickman serves as the Visionary/Implementer of Amazing Grace Ministry. Rev. Tyra has been faithful in working with Amazing Grace and the Prayer Line.

The ministry was first formed on November 4, 2012.

Major activities have focused on monthly bulletins hosting health and wellness information around heart health, diabetes, cancer, etc. and healthy recipes.

Since 2012, the ministry has hosted the weekly "Tour De' Baltimore Amazing Grace Pavement Ministry. The ministry encourages Saturday morning walks at your own pace in different areas of the city and surrounding counties. The walks are seasonal and meet either 6 a.m. during the summer months or 7 a.m. in the early fall to winter months.

The most consistent program has been the Amazing Grace Prayer Line that has seen consistent participation from the City Temple family every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. to 6:30 a.m.

The ministry also enjoys a partnership with Bayview through an ongoing collaboration through Sisters Together and Reaching (STAR).

Amazing Grace Ministry...

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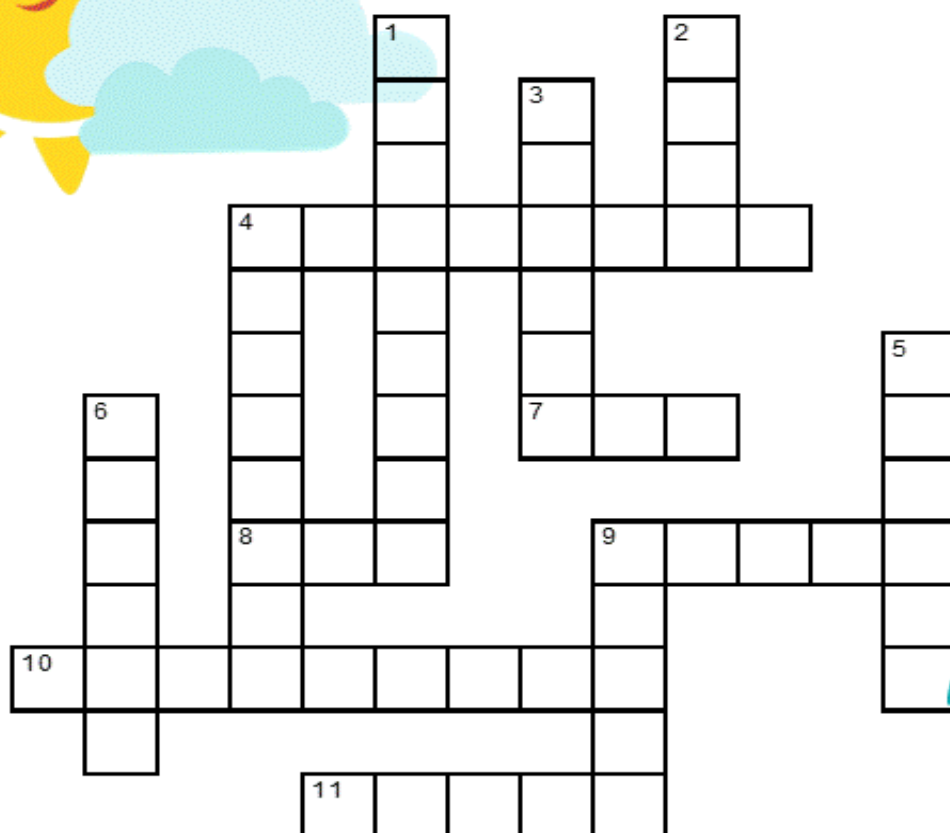
HEALING

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# kids fun pages

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## Easter Crossword



### ACROSS

4. You might do this to eggs for Easter
7. A hen makes this
8. Used to color eggs
9. The hen's baby
10. Colorful candy you might find in an Easter basket
11. Peter Cottontail is one

### DOWN

1. Eggs might be made from this
2. Look for eggs
3. Easter Day event
4. Yellow or white spring flower that grows from a bulb
5. What the Easter Bunny brings
6. A pretty hat worn on Easter
9. Don't eat too much of this or you might get a belly ache



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## Easter Story

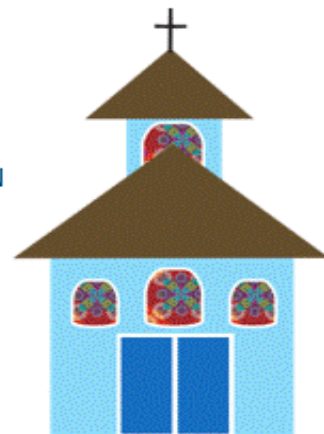
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# AMAZING grace

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I returned to bed and to deep sleep.

There I remained most of the day.

The sky turned dark signifying that it was "normal" people's bedtime. I reached towards the nightstand for my cup of water and pillbox which contained my night dosage of medication. It was empty. Oh my God! I had mindlessly taken an overdose. Because I know the protocol, I have no doubt that my prayer partners had lifted up a special prayer just for me, not knowing that at that moment I cowered in

another room. No telephone needed to get the Word through. I was saved from retention of a possibly lethal dose of my medication in my system ... a nearly fatal accident.

For the first time, I share this story. I honor Pastor Yeargin, Rev. Hickman and the prayer warriors who are willing vessels for unleashing God's Amazing Grace. I am grateful.

Our mission is to provide spiritual direction to heal and restore while encouraging those who are going through sickness, death or any type of mental, physical or spiritual trials.



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"When people criticize Administration policy, that's just politics. But several incidents directed at this President appear to find new lows."

She goes on to list the top ten acts of disrespect among which are:

1. The birther fiasco inflamed by Donald Trump
2. The "You lie!" outburst
3. Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer putting her finger in his face.
4. The announcement by Mitch McConnell that their top priority should be to deny President Obama a second term.

I submit to you that these displays of disrespect toward President Obama are clear evidence that there are those who consider the President to be worthless...simply because of the color of his skin.

Just like Caiaphas and the Sadducees, the Tea Party and those who think like the Tea Party are blinded by their bias toward President Obama.

Therefore, I am of the opinion that Caiaphas, the Sadducees, and the Tea Party members suffer from the same malady—Caiaphas and his constituents did not know who Jesus is and the Tea Party and their constituents cannot see who President Obama is.

You would think after having raised Lazarus from the dead, they should have...recognized the had of God at work. But because of their blindness, they had no clue they were dealing with the Christ, the Son

of the Living God, One in whom God was pleased to dwell, the embodiment of the Kingdom of God here on earth as it is in heaven, and One who if they succeeded in their plot to kill him, He died because He chose to die and would be resurrected because it pleased God to raise Him.

Fast forward to today, and the same is true of the Tea Party.

They've dealt with President Obama for almost eight years and to this very day, they still do not know who He is. After all they have done, they have failed to do what they wanted to do.

The evidence of their failure is reflected in an article written by Paul Waldman entitled, "The Extraordinary Complicated Success of President Obama."

He says, "When he was running for president in 2008, Barack Obama said he would like to be the kind of president who 'changed the trajectory of America.' We won't know about America's long-term trajectory after the Obama years for some time, but it's not too early to say that Obama will probably turn out to be one of the most consequential presidents in recent history...even many of Obama's

opponents could probably agree that he has accomplished a great deal during his presidency."

He goes on to list four major things he has accomplished to varying degrees...

1. he brought the country through the Great Recession;
2. He got us out of the war in Iraq;
3. He passed health care reform; and
4. He is aggressively moving to address climate change.



You see my sisters and brothers, the Tea Party and their constituents did not know...they are dealing with a Black man who has the intellect of a W.E.B. Dubois, the insight of a Barbara Jordan, the cool demeanor...of a Denzel Washington, the determination of a Harriet Tubman, the ability to debate like Mohammad Ali fought—floating like a butterfly and stinging like a bee; the patience of Job, mustard-seed size faith that moves mountains; the courage of his convictions of a Martin Luther King, Jr.; the kind of charisma that moves an 8-year-old black girl to tears when she hears that his tenure as president is ending; and inspires a 106-year-old black sister to break out and dance in the White House.

But, most importantly, they did not know that President Barack Obama serves the God who is "God of our weary years, the God of our silent tears..."

As we conclude Black History Month, we...have reason to celebrate...because we can add to the legacy of our people occupying the Office of the President of the United States of America in this nation where a large portion of its history is tainted with racism, health stained with prejudice, and blemished by being excluded from those lofty words, "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal."

But in our celebration, we cannot overlook the One without whom none of this would have been possible. For we are indeed the people of the God of Frederick Douglas and Harriet Tubman, Denmark Vesey and Sojourner Truth....

And this God is the God of our weary years, who has brought us safe thus far, who sets the captives free, whose foolishness is wiser than the wisdom of man, whose weakness is greater than humanity's strength....

And it is this God who...has guided us through the valley of the shadow of death...been our very present help in the time of trouble...been our light and our salvation, renewed our strength, and has brought us thus far on our way.

We, therefore, lift our hands in total praise to Thee and say thank you for your goodness and your mercy toward us.



PICTURED RIGHT AND LEFT:

Rev. Dr. Grady A. Yeargin, Jr. and Sis. Rolanda Anderson are all smiles as Sis. Anderson receives recognition from the Baptist Congress of Christian Education.

Sis. Anderson was recognized on February 5 for her faithfulness and dedication to the City Temple where she has served for several years as a Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher. Congratulations, Rolanda!

