Who’s in the Delivery Room?

**Read:** Daniel 3:15-30

**Text:** Daniel 3:29b “…because there is no other God that can deliver

after this sort.”

**Introduction:** Every time that God is about to do something great in the world He has an individual whom He chooses to display His work through. One significant thing that I have learned by working in prison is that there are a lot of inmates who are “innocent” but doing time anyway. When one of them tells me how innocent they are I point out that they are in an impressive club. I want to talk about some of that club’s members.

**I. Joseph had his dreams.** He was the first son of his mother but the 11th son of his father. His Father doted on him and he incurred both the envy and the distain of his brothers. In his childish ignorance he told his brothers about a couple of dreams that he had, and their anger tur-ned to rage. He is kidnapped and sold to the Egyptians as a slave. While he is a slave he is falsely accused and imprisoned. He is there for years with very little hope of ever being free. Through a series of miracles he is not only freed but is placed next to Pharaoh in power and authority.

All of his dreams come true. His brothers come and bow to him. People from all nations bow to him. His wisdom spares not only Egypt but every nation close enough to come and buy food. When he is done the nation of Israel is flourishing, Egypt is the mightiest nation on earth, and he lives in comfort and ease.

*Joseph delivers the very people who harmed him the most.*

**II. Jesus did good things to all who came to Him.** His life was one of bring healing and peace. He literally provided food to physically feed thousands of hungry people. He resolved difficult questions with just a simple question of His own. He was not afraid to touch lepers or to approach people possessed of demons. The people who were com-mitted to a life of service to God were the ones who hated the Son of God.

How could anyone think He was a threat? When asked about political

aspirations he clearly pointed out that his kingdom was not of this world. Innocent or not he stood alone and was crucified.

*His death and subsequent resurrection delivers world from sin.*

**III. Paul had a career changing situation on the road to Damascus.** He made a living of hurting people in the name of God but one day, out of the clear blue sky, He encountered the living Christ and was never the same again. His entire life changed and he, the persecutor, became the persecuted. He had to flee several cities, was caught and stoned, 5 times he was flogged by the authorities, three times he was beaten with rods. He was falsely imprisoned several times. The final time his imprisonment brought him the death penalty.

*Paul’s imprisonments delivered to the world 13 books of the Bible.*

**IV. John the Beloved** never used his own name in Gospel that bears his name. He often referred to himself as: “that disciple whom the Lord loved.” He was put into prison without committing a crime. He never was granted freedom from his detainment. While there he pens the Gospel of John and has prophetic visions and dreams which result in the book of Revelation.

Did you know that while in prison, for his faith, John Bunyon wrote Pilgrims Progress?

*John delivers a vivid account of the list days in his own last days.*

**Conclude:** I want to end with Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. You

may know them as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They were

brought before the king and charged with disobeying the order to bow

to a false god. Their plea: “guilty as charged.” They were offered a

chance to have a do-over. Listen to their reply: “O Nebuchadnezzar,

we *are* not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be *so,* our God

whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace,

and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known

unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the

golden image which thou hast set up.

These three men did what I am asking you to do this morning. They stood together & delivered God to the godless.

Please stand with me for prayer. I have entitled this message: “Who is in the Delivery Room?” The answer to that question is: “YOU”

Here is the second question: “*What will you deliver?*”