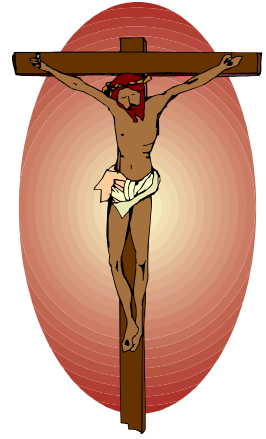


# Keeping Jesus Central

*Ephesians 6: 7 & Colossians 3:23*

*"Doing your job with Jesus as the supervisor"*

## Keeping Jesus Central #12



O'clockKJC's: "It's Three O'clock....."

### "Sowing the Seed":

In the Good Friday service at our Church gifted people performed a drama of the key events, told by key people, just after the crucifixion of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A segment of the drama that really jumped out at me was entitled "It's Three O'clock". The time when Christ asked God, the Father, to forgive those who crucified Him because they did not know what they were doing. The time when Christ made all things new by taking on all the sins of mankind and giving us the free gift of eternal life through Him. The time correlates to the last seconds of Jesus' life with His earthly body. The time when Jesus stated "It is finished." It was late in the afternoon when Jesus died on the cross, but as we know He gave up His life so that all who believe in Him could live. It was not the end of the day.....it was the beginning of a new day, a new time.

Of course there are many lessons in the crucifixion of Jesus. Holy week reaffirmed to me the fact that the end of the day, or "Thee O'clock", is of critical importance in my work life as well. Lately I have found myself becoming too wrapped up in the "doing" and "accomplishing" with my job, in contrast to focusing on the unique needs, gifts and feelings of my customers, as well as my direct reports. There is a training statement with evangelism which states "You need to know the person, before you and tell them what is on your heart". Equally as important is you must gain ones respect before they will follow your direction.

Last week I had a fairly heated email exchange with two of my direct reports. Rather than resolving the matter before the end of the day, I just let it go on till the next day,....and the next day. Well now it is the weekend, and the issue is still not resolved. However, Christ tapped me on the shoulder after the Easter service and told me to ask for forgiveness from the men He placed in my work responsibility. Today, I sent an email to these men, who incidentally are both Christian men, and asked them to forgive me for my delinquency in addressing this situation. I also assured them that we would resolve this issue, together, tomorrow afternoon. A few things bother me about this situation, first of all I may have lost some respect from these men, secondly, and most importantly, both men know I am a Christian and I can only pray that I did not lead either of them to stumble in their faith by my lack of leadership as a Christian in the workplace. I have asked Jesus for His forgiveness and will again ask these men for their forgiveness as well. When it is "Three O'clock" during your work day, please lay every issue at the feet of Jesus. Tomorrow is a new day.

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Read the following verse from The Bible:

- Matthew 6:14,15; 18: 21,22
- John 20:23
- Luke 11:4
- Romans 4: 4 - 8
- Ephesians 4:32
- 1 John 1: 5 - 10



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**Discuss these KJC's with others! Remember, Christ is with you! Matthew 18:20**