

**NSD****NEWSLETTER****Sunday, December 14, 2008****BIBLE STUDY.** . . . . . 10 a.m.  
"Gospel of Luke"**MORNING WORSHIP.** . . . . . 11 a.m.  
Speaker: Dan Austin**EVENING SERVICE.** . . . . . 6 p.m.  
Speaker: Dan Austin**WEDNESDAY MEETING.** . . . . . 7 p.m.  
"Compass: A Thematic Trek  
Through The Word of God"*... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Col 3:16*The LORD lives!  
Blessed be my Rock!  
Let the God of my salvation be exalted.It is God who avenges me,  
And subdues the peoples under me;  
He delivers me from my enemies.  
You also lift me up above those  
who rise against me;  
You have delivered me from the violent man.  
Therefore I will give thanks to You,  
O LORD, among the Gentiles,  
And sing praises to Your name.*Psalms 18: 46-49***News & Notes****WELCOME VISITORS.** If you are a visitor in our congregation today we welcome you!The **Harris** family is waiting for Mark's graduation date and then they will begin their move to South Carolina.**Ernest Peeples** will be in Texas preparing for deployment to Kuwait.**Jason Henderson** travels frequently for his job—please pray for his safety.**Dema Franklin** will be visiting her son in Northern California through the Christmas holidays.Also keep on your prayer list: **Martha Holloway**, Doris Harmon, Benjamin Hoskins, Chuck Holloway and Jeanne Lynn (Ron & Marie Adams daughter) who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.I'm gonna trade my earthly home  
For a better one bright and fair  
Christ left to prepare a mansion  
For His children in the air  
I'll join Him in that land  
Where tears nor sorrows can be found  
And I'll receive my mansion, robe and crown  
Mansion, robe and crown  
There love always abound  
Let me your throne surround  
Lord please reserve my mansion, robe and crown*Sylvia Rose***NORTH SAN DIEGO CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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# He Saved Others

*David A. Sargent*

Sean Dusinberre and two of his sons, Joshua and Dylan, were on their way home last Tuesday, November 18, after a trip to Buffalo to watch the Bills play the Cleveland Browns on Monday night. Snow covered the ground on this cold day in rural western New York. Suddenly, the Pontiac Grand Am in which they were riding slid off of the snowy road over the top of a short steep hill, veered to the right, vaulted over newly planted rows of tiny pine trees, and bolted down a snow-laden grassy slope into a 12-foot-deep manmade pond.

Reacting quickly, Sean kicked out the driver's side window of the car, pushed 13-year-old Joshua out into the murky, frigid water and then followed him to the surface with 3-year-old Dylan on his back. Joshua reached the bank of the 100-yard-wide pond and after coughing up water, ran screaming for help. When emergency crews arrived, they found Dylan floating in the water, performed CPR, and rushed him to a nearby hospital. There was no sign of the boys' 37-year-old father. He had collapsed back into the water and drowned. Divers found his body in the silt about four hours later. He saved his sons, but he could not save himself. "He was a hero in saving his two sons," stated Ontario County's undersheriff, David Tillman, "He certainly put the lives of his kids first."

As Jesus was dying on the cross, the chief priests of the Jews mocked Him saying that He saved OTHERS; but He cannot save HIMSELF (**Mark 15:31**). Their words were partly true.

*With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left. So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with the transgressors." And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross!" Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save."  
**Mark 15: 27-31***

By dying on the cross, Jesus purchased the salvation of all who would trust and obey Him. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed (**1 Peter 2:24**).

He saved OTHERS is a true statement. His atoning death will cover the sins of those who: believe and trust Him (**Acts 16:30-31**), turn from their sins in repentance (**Acts 17:30-31**), confess Him before men (**Romans 10:9-10**), and are baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins (**Acts 2:38**).

He cannot save HIMSELF was not a true statement. When one of His disciples drew his sword to prevent the angry mob from taking Jesus away to be crucified, Jesus said, "Put your sword back in its place or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?" (**Matthew 26:52-53**). He could have saved Himself, but He didn't! WHY NOT?

Because, He could not do BOTH! He could not save others AND Himself. Had He aborted the rescue mission to suffer and die for sinful man and saved Himself, ALL of humanity would have been lost!

**He thought of US first! He gave His life for us so that we might be saved from our sins.**