



Monday Matters

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Bible College Student Arrested for Murder

A number of years ago I attended a Bible college in Chicago and held a part time job after school to pay the bills. One day after school I was driving down Lincoln Ave. on my way to work. I was minding my own business and trying to follow the rules of the road. I looked up in my rear view mirror and saw a police car with its flashers on and siren blaring. I quickly pulled over to let the officer pass by. He didn't but rather pulled in behind me. Before I knew it there were six more police cars surrounding my car. I was asked to step out of my car and keep my hands visible. Police officers were all around me, several with their hands on their guns ready to draw and fire should I make a wrong move. They then asked me to move up to the sidewalk, place my hands on top of the car and spread my legs. They patted me down searching for any weapons. They found none.

I was speechless. I'd done nothing wrong but here I was being treated like a common criminal. I finally found my voice and asked what this was all about. The officer in charge said that another police officer had just been shot and killed with the suspect driving away in a light green 1957 Pontiac. My car was similar, a 1957 Buick, light green. He told me that I didn't fit the profile of the killer but the car was very close. They



He's Alive David Phelps

Quote of the Week

"While the resurrection promises us a new and perfect life in the future, God loves us too much to leave us alone to contend with the pain, guilt and loneliness of our present life."

~Josh McDowell~

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didn't want to take a chance so they investigated. They determined that I was not the killer (which provided much relief) and then said I was free to go. Yes, I can see the headlines - **"Bible College Student Arrested for the Murder of a Police Officer."** When I got back into the car I let out a big sigh knowing that I had not been arrested for something I didn't do.



Many times we jump to conclusions that someone did this or that to us when in fact they didn't. The police officers to some degree jumped to the conclusion that I might be a killer. In most cases we are wrong when we jump to conclusions. Instead of thinking a person is innocent until proven guilty, we just proclaim them guilty.

Two thousand years ago there was a man that was arrested for crimes He did not commit. People jumped to the conclusion He was guilty and needed to be punished. The accusers put Him on trial but they had already made up their minds He was guilty. The result was nailing Him to a cross to die. In reality, He was not guilty but He took on the guilt, the sins, of the entire world and suffered death on the cross as punishment. He came into this world to give you and me eternal life through His sacrifice. All He asked was that we believe in Him and ask for forgiveness of our sins. He bore the punishment for our actions, our sins. He was then buried but three days later rose from the grave - alive! How can someone give us eternal life if He remained buried in that tomb. He arose triumphantly. One of my favorite songs is sung by David Phelps titled "He's Alive". Listen to the words and rejoice that Jesus Christ is alive and that He took upon Himself my sins and your sins and nailed them to the cross.

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