

. . *Was it for me?*

.. in the metallic dots and dashes .__.

.__. of the Morse code .__.

“Is there no hope?”

. . *Was it for me?*

It wasn't until the day after the collision that a Navy diver was able to get down to where the submarine rested, 100 feet below on the ocean floor. Using Morse code, he was able to learn that six of the 40 men aboard the sub had survived the initial accident, and were trapped inside the submarine's torpedo room.



A diver prepares to go down to the S-4 submarine. —*Boston Public Library via Flickr*

On December 19, the six trapped men sent another message, asking if food could be sent.

“It was a fight against time today in which every minute was precious and the odds were admittedly against the slowly suffocating survivors in an almost impossible ratio,” read an Associated Press report. “In the ears of every officer and man of the rescue fleet ... rang the desperate cry of the unfortunate men, laboriously pounded out by hammer in the metallic dots and dashes of the Morse code ...

. . Was it for me?

‘How long will you be now?’ and then ‘Please hurry.’”



Front page of The Boston Herald on December 19, 1927.

Weather severely impeded rescue efforts.

“We are full of bright ideas, if we can only get favorable weather,” a member of the rescue team was quoted as saying in an Associated Press report, which described 45-mph northwest gale winds, frigid temperatures, and rough seas.

Attempts to pump air into the torpedo room were not successful. On December 20, a message came from the trapped men: “Our last bottle of oxygen is gone. Please send us oxygen, water, and food.”

And then, “Is there no hope?”

The rescuers responded:

“Everything possible has been, and is being done.”

The men sent their final message: “We understand.”

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Here is Mrs. Jones, wife of Lieut. Commander Jones, captain of the submarine S-4, with her children, Jacqueline (left) and Kehler.

A photo of the wife and children of the S-4's commander ran in the Springfield Republican on December 20, 1927.

On December 22, any hope of getting the six men out alive were dashed. A few months later, the S-4 was finally brought to the surface.

The lives of the 40 men who died aboard the sub are commemorated annually at a memorial service held in Provincetown at Church of Saint Mary of the Harbor.

. . *Was it for me?*

One day soon, there will be no
more weeping for those who,
. . *trust in Jesus Christ.*

John 10:27-30

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.

I and My Father are one.”

Because of the tears & death of Jesus,
God will wipe away every tear for
. . *those who trust Him.*

Revelation 21:4

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes;

there shall be no more

death
sorrow
crying

There shall be no more

pain

for the former things
have passed away.

. . *Was it for me?*

God is urging all

hopeless people,

“Come today to

Jesus Christ!”

The new Christian is forgiven immediately of sins,

and can now wait confidently to be

taken into heaven, where all of our pain,

. . and sickness will be forever healed.

Perfect joy, perfect bodies,

perfect relationships, and,

. . perfect love without end.

. . *Was it for me?*

The miracles that Jesus, as God, worked on earth, foreshadow the perfect, eternal work that He will accomplish for the,

. . *Christian in Heaven.*

. . *Was it for me?*

It is hopeless,

. . *you will never see again.*

. . *Was it for me?*

John 9:1-11

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.
And His disciples asked Him, saying, *“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”*

Jesus answered, *“Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”*

When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, *“Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent).*

So he went and washed, and came back seeing.
Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, *“Is not this he who sat and begged?”*

Some said, *“This is he.”* Others said, *“He is like him.”* He said, *“I am he.”*

Therefore they said to him, *“How were your eyes opened?”*
He answered and said, *“A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and I received sight.”*

Go, wash in the
. . *pool of Siloam. . and see!*

John 9:18-22,24,25

But the Jews . . asked them, saying, *“Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”* His parents answered them and said, *“We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself.”*

So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, *“Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner.”*

He answered and said, *“Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.”*

. . *Was it for me?*

It is hopeless, you will
. . *never walk again.*

. . *Was it for me?*

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic

Luke 5:17-26

Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus.

When He saw their faith, He said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you."

And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

I say to you, arise,
take up your bed,
. . and go to your house!

But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise up and walk'?"

But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the man who was paralyzed,

"I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!"

. . *Was it for me?*

It is hopeless, you will

. . *never be clean again.*

. . *Was it for me?*

Jesus Cleanses a Leper
Luke 5:12-16

And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying,

“Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.”

Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying,

“I am willing; be cleansed.”

Immediately the leprosy left him.

I am willing,
.. *be cleansed!*

And He charged him to tell no one, “But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded.”

However, the report went around concerning Him all the more;

and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be

healed by Him of their infirmities.

So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.

. . *Was it for me?*

It is hopeless, you will

. . *never be pure again.*

. . *Was it for me?*

John 8:3-11

Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery.
And when they had set her in the midst, they said to Him, "*Teacher,
this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses,
in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned.
But what do You say?*"

This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of
which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote
on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear.

So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them,
"He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first."

And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. Then those
who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one
by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus
was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

Neither do I condemn you;

. . go and sin no more!

When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman,

He said to her, "*Woman, where are those accusers
of yours? Has no one condemned you?*"

She said, "*No one, Lord.*"

And Jesus said to her,

*"Neither do I condemn you;
go and sin no more."*

. . *Was it for me?*

It is hopeless, you can
. . *never be saved.*

. . *Was it for me?*

Luke 23:39-43

Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed [mocked] Him, saying, *"If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."*

But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying,

"Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said to Jesus,

"Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

And Jesus said to him,

"Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

I say to you, today you will

. . be with Me in Paradise!

Luke 15:1-7

So Jesus spoke this parable to them, saying:

"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?"

And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!'

I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance."

. . *Was it for me?*

The Risen Christ, Faith's Reality
1 Corinthians 15:3-8

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received:
that Christ died for our sins
according to the Scriptures,
and
that He was buried,
and
that He rose again the third day
according to the Scriptures,
and
that He was seen by Cephas,
then by the twelve.

Christ . . died, buried, raised,
. . according to the Scriptures!

After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren
at once, of whom the greater part remain to the
present, but some have fallen asleep.

The Last Enemy, Death, is Destroyed
1 Corinthians 15:20-22

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits
of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by
Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all
die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

. . *Was it for me?*

A Glorious Body

1 Corinthians 15:35-49

But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?" Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain—perhaps wheat or some other grain. But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body.

All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory.

So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

Death is swallowed,
. . up in victory!

Our Final Victory

1 Corinthians 15:50-54

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

. . *Was it for me?*

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone

is in Christ,

he is a new creation;

old things have passed away;
behold, all things have become new.

God is urging all hopeless people to

. . *come now to Jesus Christ!*

2 Peter 3:9-10

The Lord is . . . not willing that any should perish
but that all should come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come
as a thief in the night,

in which the heavens will pass away
with a great noise, and the elements
will melt with fervent heat;

both the earth and the works that
are in it will be burned up.

. . *Was it for me?*

Acts 16:30,31

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

So they said,

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,

and you will be saved"

Have you heard in your heart the
voice of God,

. . calling you to be saved?

John 10:9

Then Jesus said to them again . .

"I am the door.

If anyone enters by Me,

He will be saved."

. . *Was it for me?*

1. JESUS is GOD.

1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:
God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit,
seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles,
believed on in the world,
received up in glory.

2. ALL SCRIPTURE, in the original languages, is GOD
inspired and nothing can be discarded.

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of
God, for reproof, for correction, and
is profitable for doctrine,
for instruction in
righteousness.

1. Jesus is God
2. All Scripture is Inspired

Saving Faith in Jesus Holds These Four Truths:

3. Jesus is Lord and all - sufficient Savior
[Saved by Grace, it is the gift of God, not of our works]
4. Jesus is the only Way to God, the Father

3. JESUS CHRIST is LORD and
requires ALL of one's life
to be given to HIM.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

You are not your own, for you
were bought with a price.
So glorify God in your body.

4. JESUS CHRIST is the Only Way. JESUS CHRIST alone, by Faith alone.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that
whoever believes in Him should not perish
but have everlasting life.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him,

*"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes
to the Father except through Me."*

1 Timothy 2:3-6

God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to
the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and
one Mediator between God and men, the
Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself
a ransom for all.

. . *Was it for me?*

“Lord Jesus Christ, up until this very moment, all of my life has been completely wrapped up in ‘me’ . . . my wants, my desires, my will, my way, my timing.

I now see that all that produced was sin. I have offended You, Almighty God, and harmed others by my self-centeredness.

I am broken-hearted and devastated by the truth that I have withheld from You what is rightfully Yours, all that I am and all that You have placed in my hands.

I now understand that everything belongs to You for Your control and not for my control.

I have rebelled against Your will and have chosen to take my own way to my hurt and to the hurt of those around me.

I solemnly choose to let go of everything in my life and give all completely to You, the rightful Sovereign Owner.

My Prayer, expressing my desire to say “Yes”

. . .to Jesus calling me to Him!

Would You please draw me now to Yourself, forgive me and give me Your life?

Please send the Holy Spirit to give me the promised new birth and seal me as Your child and as Your very own purchased possession for all eternity.

Please give me Your supernatural joy and peace which You promised and that confirms that You have accepted my plea.

Dear Lord and Savior, I have counted the cost, knowing this requires all of me forever.

I am so very thankful that You are always pleased to receive and accept any and every person that comes to You on these terms of absolute surrender of self.”

. . *Was it for me?*

Luke 13:23,24

Then one said to Jesus,

“Lord, are there few who are saved?”

And He said to them,

*“Strive to enter through
the narrow gate,
for many,
I say to you,
will seek to enter
and will not be able.”*

Will you now trust in Jesus Christ

. . and what He did for you?

Acts 4:12

“Nor is there salvation in any other,

*for there is no other name [Jesus Christ]
under heaven given among men by which*

we must be saved.”

. . *Was it for me?*

When you have heard God's voice asking as He asked Adam, "*Where are you?*" (Genesis 3:9); when you have been arrested by your conscience and have been convicted by God, the Holy Spirit (John 16:8), of your sin, this page is your declaration of that event.

When God has spoken to you and you have asked Jesus Christ to be the Savior and Lord of your life, you will feel compelled to make it known (Romans 10:9).

Salvation is a Private Event occurring in the heart and no one except you and God can confirm it has happened (cf. Mark 4:13-20).

Even though salvation is a Private Event, being a follower of Christ requires a Public Profession. Jesus makes no option available to His followers to be undercover Christians (Romans 10:9).

"So everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32).

When you have heard God's voice,
. . *tell somebody!*

Asking Jesus Christ to save you: [or similar words expressed by your own personality].

Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and my sin separates me from God. Because God, the Father, loves me, He sent You to pay the penalty for my sin by dying on the cross to restore me to fellowship with Himself (1 John 1:9).

I ask you to forgive my sins and give me eternal life (Luke 11:13).

It is my deepest desire to love You and obey Your Words (Romans 10:9-10).
Rejoice!

Name: Sign above / Print below

Date:

Hour:

Please email us a copy when this is completed, and we will regularly pray for you.
Tell Somebody!

Name of Person Told:

Date:

Name of Person Told:

Date:

Email to: WasItForMeRom832@gmail.com

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Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless His holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:

Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,

Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness
and tender mercies,

Who satisfies your mouth with good things,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
Nor punished us according to our iniquities.

Jesus forgives all our sins;

[immediately, upon trusting Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour]

. . and heals all our diseases!

[ultimately, in heaven after death on earth]

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;

As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

As a father pities his children,
So the Lord pities those who fear Him.

For He knows our frame;
He remembers that we are dust.

As for man, his days are like grass;
As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

For the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
And its place remembers it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to
everlasting on those who fear Him,
And His righteousness to children's children,

Bless the Lord, all His works,
In all places of His dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!