

Good Morning!

**Welcome to Meadowlark
Church of Christ!**

**Visitors please fill out
an attendance card ... thank you!**

OUR JOURNEY

Garden of Gethsemane

Betrayed by Judas and taken captive

Peter's denials at his trial

Seen Him being falsely accused at his trial

NOW we come together to the Cross

Matthew 27:33-54

And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull, they gave him wine to drink mingled with gall; and after tasting it He was unwilling to drink.

And when they had crucified Him, they divided up His garments among themselves, casting lots; and sitting down they began to keep watch over Him there. And they put up above His head the charge against him which read, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS....

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

*For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing **foolishness**, but to us who are being saved it is the **power of God**. For it is written, **I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE**. Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? .. Jews ask for signs, and Greeks search for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, **to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness**. But to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

Foolish?

Didn't make sense for Jesus to come and be put to death.

Didn't make sense that a KING would allow himself to be captured and killed.

Didn't make sense that he did not defend Himself at his trial.

Didn't make sense that Jesus would not amass an army for the Jews and defeat the Romans.

Until Christ, Leadership had never been married to submission and suffering!

Why the Cross?

- *For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).*
- *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)*
- *Jesus paid the price of all sins!*

Joseph Bau



Josef and Rebecca Bau married in Plaszow. On their wedding night Josef smuggled into the women's barracks "where my mother blessed us - that was our wedding ceremony. We spent the night listening to the shots killing two men who'd been discovered in the women's quarters."