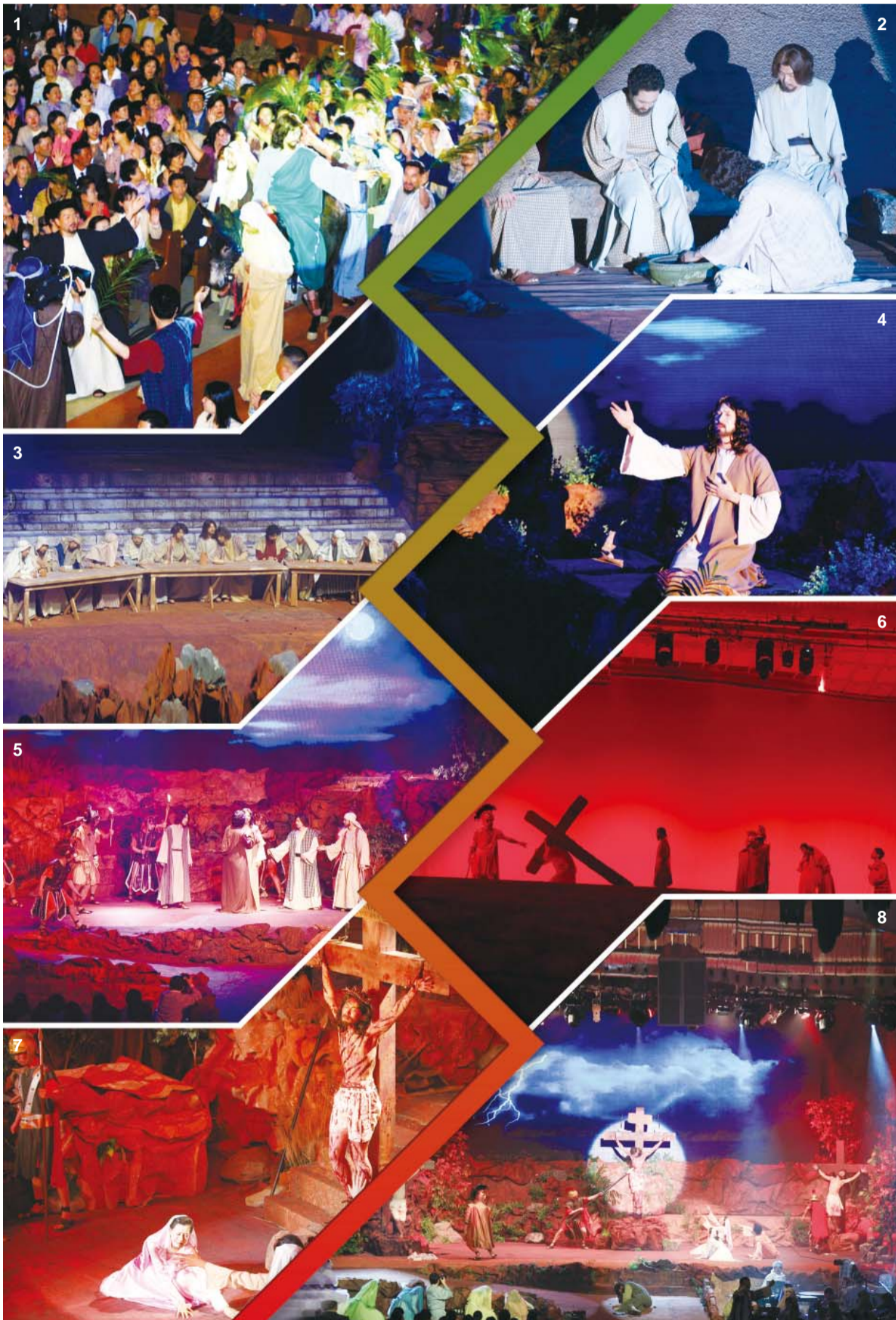


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“The Cross Is His Love for Us!”

Passion Week, Remembering Jesus' Ministry and Crucifixion



“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord”.

On the earth Jesus spread the gospel of the kingdom, healed people of many diseases, and

revived the dead. With such great signs and wonders He testified to the living God, and before the Passover he entered the city of Jerusalem on the colt, welcomed by the people of Israel (Photo 1).

The next day, He cleansed the temple of God by driving out all those who were buying and selling in the temple. He also gave realization to the high priests and the Pharisees who asked a question of Him with the intention of trapping Him in His reply. They became speechless before His words of authority and became even more eager to look for the way to put Him to death.

Meantime, Judas Iscariot, who had held a grudge since the time in Bethany when Mary anointed Jesus with the ointment, went to the high priests and promised to hand Jesus over to them. Jesus shared the Last Supper of the Passover with His disciples, washed their feet, and then went to Gethsemane where He prayed for His redemptive ministry with such fervency that His sweat became like drops of blood (Photos 2, 3, and 4).

He was captured by the officers of the high priests that Judas Iscariot brought, and He was first taken to Annas the high priest. He was later sentenced to crucifixion and suffered from many things. He was scourged harshly, people spat on Him, and He was despised, disrespected, and mocked by them. He went up Golgotha with the cross on His shoulder and was crucified. After being hung on the cross for six hours, He took His last breath (Photos 5, 6, 7, and 8).

During the Passion Week Manmin Central Church members all over the world had a great chance to engrave the love of the cross again, praying in Special Daniel Prayer Meeting that had started on March 16 of this year and that is being broadcast via GCN. They also imprinted deep in their hearts the love and sacrifice of the shepherd who helped them have another chance to lead true Christian lives on Easter Sunday 2013, which was on March 31, 2013.

On Friday, April 3, 2015, the members took part in the passion of the crucifixion by offering up more than one-meal fasting with thanks for the love of the Lord. During the second half of Friday All-night Service, they bore His love in mind once again through Easter Performance.

Easter Performance 2015 was directed by Performing Arts Committee. It was entitled ‘Martyrdom’ and performed with God-given songs. The wonderful rendition of United Choir, performances of United Singers’ Team, Nissi Orchestra, and Hallelujah Band; the good acting of performers, and the stage production with vivid images, and special effects of performance professional staff touched all and gave unforgettable moments for the audience to remember.

The Lord opened the way of salvation for us with the sacrifice of His life, His obedience, and His service when we were sinners and He has been interceding for souls without eating or drinking anything since He resurrected and ascended into Heaven. We should always think of His love.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

“...Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will”
(Mark 14:32-36).



Palm Sunday is one week before Easter. The one week period from then to Easter Sunday is known as Passion Week. As written in the twelfth chapter of John, people of Israel heard that Jesus who had revived the dead man Lazarus would enter into the city of Jerusalem at the Passover. They welcomed Him waving palm branches and shouting, “Hosanna!”

A few days later, Jesus had the Last Supper with His disciples and went to Gethsemane on Mount of Olives to pray. Judas Iscariot, one of His twelve disciples, appeared with the officers of the high priests. In God’s providence, Jesus was captured, sentenced to crucifixion by Pilate, suffered from all kinds of afflictions and mocking, and died on the wooden cross.

1. The suffering of Jesus

Jesus is the Son of God. He came to the earth in flesh and was crucified without any sin. Some people think that because He is the Son of God, Jesus didn’t feel any pain, even when He was going through the sufferings.

When the Roman soldiers put the thorns on His brow, He felt the pain of the thorns piercing into His head. The whips of the Roman soldiers had sharp metal pieces embedded, and on the edge of the whip were sharp hooks. When the whip, known as a scourge, was laid across the body, it would wrap around the body completely, and when the whip was drawn back, flesh

would be ripped from the body. Jesus was scourged so many times. How painful it must have been! His whole body was covered with red blood, and He lost all His strength making it difficult for Him to balance Himself.

He had to carry the heavy cross and move up to the Golgotha. Nailed through His hands and feet, He had to take all the pains until His physical life was over. He also had pain in His heart. God opened the way of salvation giving up His Son’s life, but still so many people were going the way of death without realizing God’s heart. So Jesus had tremendous pain in heart.

If we know the sufferings that Jesus received for us, we cannot say something is difficult even when we are going through trials. To compare our difficulties with His sufferings, they may be quite bearable. So with faith, we should overcome any kind of trials with joy and thanks remembering that Jesus took the more difficult way for us. We should then overcome them just as He did.

2. The heart of Jesus when He was going through these sufferings

The following Scriptures from Mark 14:32 say that the night before He was arrested, Jesus went to Gethsemane with His disciples. He told them to pray, and He separated a short distance from them and prayed alone.

Before He prayed, in the verse 34, Jesus said, “My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death.” Literally, it seems that Jesus was saying He had so much pain in heart that He was dying. Jesus did not talk about the sorrowful and painful feelings like men of flesh. He said this in order to let us know the crucifixion would be made possible due to the love of God and it would never be something easy.

At that time, Jesus had many kinds of feelings in His heart. Just before the crucifixion, He thought about the deep providence and great love of God for mankind. Also, He had feelings of pity for those who would be left on

earth. He recollected many things in addition to these.

Jesus Himself experienced and felt the pains and sorrow of mankind while He was on earth. He also had great pain in heart thinking of people who were not able to realize the great love of God. For this reason Jesus said, “My soul is deeply grieved.”

The more spiritual heart you accomplish, the more of this heart of the Lord you will be able to understand. By spiritual inspiration you will feel it in your heart why Jesus said what He did at that time. If some think Jesus made a negative confession, they do not understand His heart and they have not cultivated their hearts into spirit yet.

It’s the same when we read the Bible and listen to the sermon in a service. If a person uses fleshly thoughts while listening to the message, and furthermore, if they judge the sermon, then it shows that their heart is far from the heart of spirit. Men of spirit will not judge others merely by the words and expressions made. They will feel the heart of the other person contained in the words, and realize the meaning by inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

3. Jesus’ earnest plea

In Mark 14:36, Jesus prayed, “Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will.”

Jesus knew better than anybody the love of God and the providence of salvation. Saying “Remove this cup from Me” was not a plea to avoid the sufferings.

Jesus also had humanity. In view of this humanity, the way of cross was never an easy thing. Jesus said this to express that the way was very difficult to take as a man, but He still took it with only His love for God.

And He continued to pray, “...yet not what I will, but what Your will.” This means no matter what kind of sufferings He would face, He would just follow the will of God. Jesus

obeyed the will of God completely, and He fulfilled it joyfully because He had perfect assurance in God’s providence and trust in Him.

Hebrews 12:2 says, “...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” The suffering on the cross was a shame in a fleshly sense, but in a spiritual sense it would lead many souls who were to go to Hell, to Heaven.

However, some people said, “I am under trials, so how can I pray? Why is this test given to me? It is too hard, so please let me get by it quickly.” They do not commit everything to God in prayer. If we really have faith we must not pray with resentment or lamentation. We should look back upon ourselves to figure out what caused us to be faced with such trials.

Namely, when we commit sins or fall into spiritual slumber, God allows trials. “God, if I have to go through this, I will. But, protect me from bigger trials. Let this trial pass quickly, too.” Some may pray like this, but this is still not a prayer of goodness. With words they say they will take up the trial, but they really would rather avoid it in some way.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the prayer to move God’s heart is of beautiful confession of goodness and faith. It is to give thanks for allowing for trials from heart and to profess faith in renewal. Even though we do not know when the trial is going to be over, we have to commit ourselves to God and pray that He will change us more completely.

If we can pray to let God’s will be done, not our own will, from our hearts, like Jesus, in any kind of situation, God will guide us to the best way. I pray in the name of the Lord that, just like Jesus who took the way of the cross and became resurrected, you will receive the glory of resurrection.

The Confession of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that is perfect and flawless.
2. Manmin Central Church believes in the unity and the work of God the Trinity: God the Holy Father, God the Holy Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. Manmin Central Church believes that we are forgiven of our sins only by the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.
4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven.
5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through “The Apostles’ Creed” each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.

“[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things.” (Acts 17:25)

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

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Dividing Jesus' Outer Garment and Casting Lots for His Tunic

When He was hung on the cross, His outer garment and tunic were taken, and He was hung naked on the cross. The only begotten Son of God the Almighty had to take the shame of being naked before His lowly creatures. The reason why Jesus took the shame was to take away the shame that we had to receive (John 19:23-24).

So then, in the Bible what specifically is the spiritual meaning of Jesus' garments being treated and divided as they were?

Jesus' outer garment was divided into four pieces

John 19:23 says, "Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic..." Jesus was called the King of Israel and King of the Jews (John 12:13, 18:39, 19:19). So His outer garment symbolizes the nation of Israel and its people.

The Roman soldiers divided the outer garment of Jesus into four pieces, so the form of the garment disappeared. It stands for Israel being destroyed as a country. But, as the cloth remained, the name 'Israel' would remain. Also, with the outer garment being divided into four, it stands for the people of Israel being separated and scattered into four directions, to be scattered all over the world. It was certainly fulfilled in reality.

In less than forty years after Jesus' crucifixion, Jerusalem was attacked and conquered by the Roman army led by the general Titus in 70 AD. The whole city was destroyed such that there was no stone upon stones in the Temple. Only 'Israel' as the name of the nation remained. The people of Israel were dispersed into all directions and were persecuted and killed. This is why Jews live in different places all around the world.

In Matthew 27:23, Pilate, the governor of Judea knew Jesus was innocent, so he did not want to sentence Jesus to death. But because the Jews kept on demanding the death sentence, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see to that yourselves." Then they replied, "His blood shall be on us and on our children!"

The Jews received the retribution as they had confessed. Countless Jews shed blood; no fewer than 1.1 million Jews were killed when Israel was destroyed, and approximately six million Jews were massacred naked during World War II by the Nazi.



The tunic was seamless, woven in one piece

John 19:23 reads, "...now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece." It was not made by stitching many pieces of cloths, but was woven in one piece from top to bottom.

The first man is Adam, the forefather of faith is Abraham, and the forefather of Israel is Jacob. God set Jacob as the forefather of Israel by making the twelve tribes from his twelve sons, and they established the nation of Israel (Genesis 35:10-11).

The Israelites kept their identity as one race by not marrying other races, and they served the only God. But at the time of the king Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, there was a division in Israel, and the country was divided into southern Judah and northern Israel. From that time northern Israel began to marry other peoples and lost their unique identity. So, only the southern Judah remained as one race, without mixing with the Gentiles. That is why we call their descendants 'Jews'.

Thus, 'the tunic of Jesus was woven in one piece from top to bottom' means that the Jews have remained as one race without mixing with the Gentiles since it was formed by Jacob.

The Roman soldiers didn't tear Jesus' tunic, but cast lots for it

A prophecy in Psalm 22:18, which reads, "They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots", was fulfilled as described in John 19:24—"So they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be'; this was to fulfill the Scripture: 'They divided My outer garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.'"

The tunic spiritually symbolizes a man's heart, so Jesus' tunic stands for the hearts of the people of Israel. As God's Elect, they served the one and only true God, and considered Abraham their forefather of faith. Therefore, the fact that the Roman soldiers did not tear Jesus' tunic shows that no one can divide or destroy the heart that the Jews have for God—their national spirit. Although the Roman Empire destroyed the nation of Israel, they could not destroy Israel's faith.

This was the fulfillment of the prophecy in Ezekiel 38:8-9. These verses prophesied that, at the end, the people would come back to the land of Israel from all over the world and recover their nation. As prophesied, Israel that fell in 70 A.D. by Roman Empire, declared its independence as a country on May 14, 1948, which amazed the whole world. Moreover, it grew rapidly and manifested superiority.

Just as the Roman soldiers couldn't tear Jesus' tunic which was woven in one piece from top to bottom, no Gentile could turn the hearts of Israel from God. Because the nation of Israel was not separated from God, it could become independent and God's will was fulfilled.



“I Hope to be a Police Officer Who Can Deliver Trust and Love to People”

Elder Joongik Jeon, age 52, Leader of Patrol in Geumcheon Police Station

In March, 1993, my wife’s sister and her husband Elder James Choi gave me Dr. Jaerock Lee’s testimonial memoirs *Tasting Eternal Life before Death* and sermon tapes entitled “The Message of the Cross”. Through them I started to have faith. The Word of God was like honeycomb and I became eager to live by the Word. As I tried to abide in the Word one by one, God blessed me with many things such as a chance to join the training program with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, USA and I got the best score on the promotion test to become a sergeant.

In November, 1993, I registered in Manmin Central Church and then I was blessed to be appointed to the Office of Presidential Security. Blessings overflowed in both my family and workplace. Meantime I experienced the love of God. On December 23 of 1998, as a leader of SWAT team, I was called in to take control of Jogyesa (a Buddhist temple) because there was a riot. This incident attracted great attention from media. To oust protestors, we had almost reached the fifth floor using a ladder truck.

Suddenly, a brace beam supporting the ladder broke and the ladder truck overturned. We were falling 15m down to the ground. I was desperately floundering in the air to survive. At the moment, I felt big hands hold up and support my body and also the ground felt soft and comfortable as if it were covered with cotton. Amazingly, I was not hurt at all. Through this, I drew myself closer to God.

Being a policeman is rewarding but never easy. We sometimes meet with very dangerous or difficult incidents. One day, I was on a night duty. A stout man in his mid-thirties was brought to our office. He yelled loudly and chewed the lids of a kettle and a bottle. He made a disturbance saying he had a stomachache. He told us to send him to hospital.

He was beyond everyone’s control, so I came

close to him and made eye contact with him. His eyes were blood shot and filled with fury. In heart I drove away the enemy devil and Satan in the name of Jesus Christ. He was closest to me, but he tried to avoid me and implored, “I can’t look at you straight in the eye. Don’t come near me.” I talked about God whom I had met, hugged him, and prayed for him with tears. Afterwards, though he was put in Yeongdeungpo Prison, he came to have faith. He sent me a letter in tears expressing his thanks for helping him have faith and praying for him.

I carried the handkerchief on which Dr. Lee had prayed by putting it around my neck. I think the power came out from the handkerchief at that time (Acts 19:11-12). Since then I have solved many tricky cases that my co-workers couldn’t deal with. I realized that my active acts of goodness can help many souls become renewed and I have tried my best to achieve a more beautiful heart for any circumstance.

No matter how vicious criminals were, I treated them warmly and delivered the love of the Lord. My co-workers felt my sincerity and have helped me a lot. We have achieved great performance results in every aspect and we have a strong sense of unity. In 2014, my team won the first prize in the Performance Evaluation for policemen.

On July 28, 2014, I heard a resonant and loud voice in a dream saying, “My loving son! The Lord will come soon!” Since then I have spread the gospel in season and out of season to satisfy the Lord’s thirst and receive back the price of His blood. I am President of Men’s Mission 3. All our

workers were united in love and we have diligently taken care of our members. In three months, we found and led more than 30 members back who had been absent for a long time.

“Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever” (Daniel 12:3). I want to be the point man leading many people to the right way. I give all thanks and glory to God of love.

Deaconess Hisikt, age 49, Mongolia Manmin Church

“I Was Healed of Hepatitis B and Bad Eyesight Caused by Diabetes”

I spent six years suffering from diabetes and hepatitis B. My eyesight even became bad from about four years ago. I had difficulty reading books and working.

In retrospect, I thought about the love of God who had answered me and healed me. Through the handkerchief of power and Muan Sweet Water I had been healed when I got bruised or a cold or caught fever (Acts 19:11-12). When my son left home for three months with no contact, we received Dr. Jaerock Lee’s prayer and he came back home in three days.

Though having experienced such works of God, I was not relying perfectly on God. So I repented of it and looked back upon myself and checked if I had lived by the Word of God. I offered up prayer with fasting.

I thoroughly repented and received Dr. Lee’s prayer for the sick every service via GCN live broadcasting of worship services (www.gcntv.org). Moreover, I tried to practice goodness to please God and spread the gospel to others.

In January 2014, the medical test results showed that blood glucose level had dropped and hepatitis B was cured. I even gained better eyesight that I now can read books without glasses and have no difficulty in working. Hallelujah!

Above all, I am so grateful to have peace in mind because I had great mental and physical pains due to diseases. Now I recall God’s love in any kind of situations and give thanks and rejoice. I give all thanks and glory to God.



▲ The falling accident during the suppression of the riot in Jogyesa reported by a daily newspaper (December 23 in 1998, Elder Joongik Jeon circled by dotted lines)



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