

## God's Surprises

Every day unbelievers are unwittingly *serving God!*

**First**, notice ancient Israel's disobedience to God. He severely disciplined them through Babylon's heathen ruler removing the Israelites out of their land and taking them all into captivity in Babylon!

And God called this pagan ruler – Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon – “*my servant*”! Jeremiah 25.9.

**Second**, when unbelievers crucified Jesus, God's Son, were they unwittingly serving God? Yes.

“Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together” to do whatever God's hand and purpose “determined before to be done.” Acts 4.27-28.

But, **third**, how did slaying the Lord of glory – the most wicked deed the world has ever known – actually *serve God?*

He turned their action on its head by accepting Jesus as our world's substitute – bearing the sins of all mankind as He died on the cross! And all we need do is accept Him as our rescuer. See John 3.16.

**Fourth**, God delights, of course, when unbelievers change their minds. This very day it may have happened somewhere in the world – unbelievers who now accept that God is no myth, received the forgiveness of their sins, and the wonder of having God's gift of eternal life.

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### GOOD NEWS IN BRIEF

“God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” John 3.17.

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