

## The Crowd Going to the Cemetery

A leader in his community, a wealthy man who was powerful and popular in his town, passed away.

At his funeral, there were many prestigious people from the political and business levels of society. As they left the church and drove up the road to the cemetery, they saw a huge throng of people walking up the roadway. The sidewalks were so filled with these pedestrians that many had to walk off the curb into the street.

A man in one of the limousines wondered to himself, "Are all of these people coming to the funeral of Mr. Jones?"

All who were walking were simple people and didn't look well-dressed as did those who rode in the cars in the funeral procession.

As the cars neared the entrance to the cemetery, the crowd of those walking thickened to the point that a police escort had to make way for the limousines.

Finally, the man's curiosity got the best of him. He poked his head out of the window of the car and asked an officer, "Who are all of these people?"

"They are all here for the woman's funeral," the policeman told him.

The man in the limo was shocked. "What woman?" he asked. "Who could be so important? Who is she?"

"Did you pass the school on the way here?" the policeman asked the man.

"Yes, we did," the man answered.

Tears began to form in the policeman's eyes as he responded, "She was the crossing guard for 29 years. These are the families of all the children she took care of all those years."

In the first chapter of the Book of Colossians, the Apostle Paul is saying that Jesus is our crossing guard, He is our bridge to the Father, By His death on the cross, He has reconciled sinful humanity to its Creator.

That is why we celebrate Christ the King. He is the image of the invisible God. He gives meaning to all of creation.

And that includes each of us. God equipped us with talents to fulfill the purposes for which He made us; in short, to love Him and to serve others.

*It pleased the Father that in Him (Christ) all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross (Colossians 1:19-20 NKJV).*