

A TRAGIC DAY IN BLACKSBURG, VA

On April 16, 2007, a 23-year old Korean student unleashed a fury of gunfire upon teachers and students inside Virginia Tech University's Norris Hall in Blacksburg, VA. When the smoke had cleared, Seung Hui Cho had taken his own life, as well as the lives of 5 teachers and 27 fellow students. In the aftermath of this tragic massacre, a bullet-ridden door was found on the second floor of the hall – the door leading to **Room 204** – where Professor Liviu Librescu, one of the world's foremost aeronautical engineers, instructed students of Virginia Tech for the past 20 years.

NO ORDINARY PROFESSOR

Around 9:00am on the morning of April 16, panic struck the campus of Virginia Tech University. Upon hearing gunfire, students scurried for cover. Professor Librescu was no stranger to such violence. He had seen this kind of wholesale slaughter before. Born in a Jewish community in Romania, young Liviu Librescu was sent to live in a Jewish ghetto during WWII. He was separated from his father who was sent to a Romanian work camp. Millions of his Jewish brethren were tortured and massacred, but Librescu survived. After the war, Librescu survived yet another attempt of Jewish genocide at the hands of ruthless Romanian dictator, Nicolae Ceausescu.

THE DOOR TO ROOM 204

In the midst of the chaos on the campus of Virginia Tech University, many of Librescu's students turned over their desks and stooped behind them in an attempt to find protection. Librescu knew this would not be enough. His last instructions to his students were to kick out the windows and jump outside and run for safety. He then used his own body as a shield to hold back the **"Door to Room 204"**.

As many as 15 of his students escaped death before the 23-year old murderer, Seung Hui Cho, shot bullets through the door, killing the 77-year old Jewish professor, and gaining access into the room. How ironic that Professor Librescu would die on **Holocaust Remembrance Day** (a day observed by Jewish people worldwide to commemorate the senseless slaughter of 6 million Jews during WWII). His death ended a life of struggle against such homicidal rage that began for him as a boy in the workhouses of Romania.

GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN

The story of Professor Liviu Librescu reminds us of the Scripture which says, **"Greater love hath no man than this, than a man lay down his life for his friends."** Librescu demonstrated his love for his fellowman by willingly sacrificing his own life to save them.

2,000 years ago, another Jewish man lay down His life for others. His name in Hebrew is **Yeshua**. Born to the tribe of Judah and the household of David, Yeshua came to earth to die for our sins. In a society where there was darkness, Yeshua came with light. Where there was hatred, He came with love. Where there was death, He came with life.

Yeshua HaMashiach shed His precious blood for the sins of all mankind. By His death on the cross, He became our Substitute, the Lamb of God! By His Sacrificial death, Yeshua became the **"Door of Salvation"**. His death was foreshadowed by the offerings made by the Priests of old.

"And he shall kill the bullock before the LORD: and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood, and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that is by the **door** of the tabernacle of the congregation"

Leviticus 1:4-6

FEET SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD

Mankind is prone to commit such atrocities. The Bible describes man as dark and depraved. God says, "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked: who can know it?"

Jeremiah 17:9

God's Word says, "Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? And beforetime, that we may say, He is **righteous**? Yea, **there is none** that sheweth, yea, **there is none** that declar-eth, yea, **there is none** that heareth his words."

Isaiah 41:26

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our **righteousnesses** are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."

Isaiah 64:6

THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE

In spite of your sins, God still loves YOU and wants to draw you to Himself.

"The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee."

Jeremiah 31:3

The New Covenant states, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only be-gotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlast-ing life."

John 3:16

Will YOU accept this Friend today? Yeshua (Jesus) is standing at the door of your

heart right now, knocking and asking to be invited in. Yeshua gave His life willingly to save your precious soul. Will YOU ask Yeshua (Jesus) to come into your heart NOW?

Dear Yeshua (Jesus), I acknowledge that I am a sinner. I realize that I cannot save myself from the penalty of sin. I believe that YOU alone can save me. I repent of my sins. I believe that YOU died on the cross of Calvary to provide the Door of Salvation. Come into my heart right now. AMEN.

Please write and tell us of your decision to receive Yeshua HaMashiach (Jesus the Mes-siah). We want to rejoice with you in your new found life in Jesus Christ!



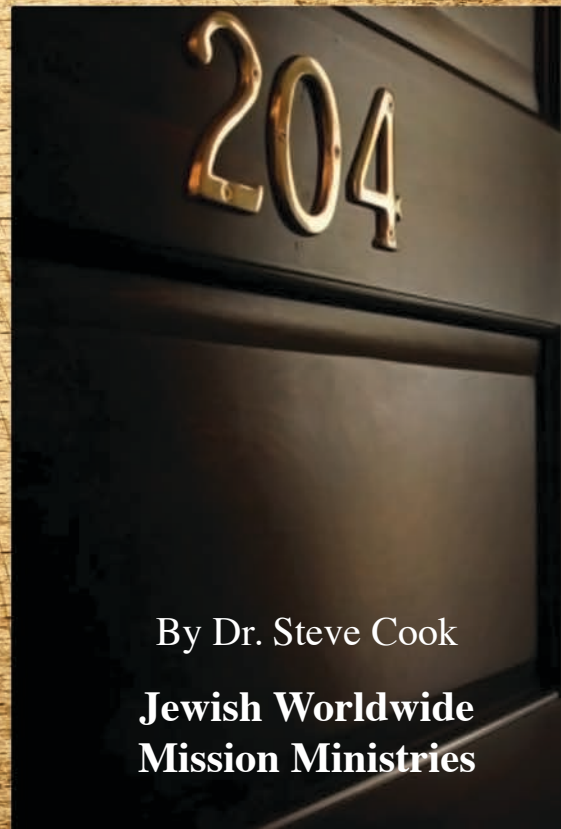
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