

BIBLE TRIVIA

- 1.) What did Jesus do at the Last Supper for His disciples?
- 2.) How did Stephanus die?
- 3.) How many years went by before Paul moved back to Jerusalem?
- 4.) What is the name of blind beggar at the gate of Jericho?
- 5.) How many days and nights did Jesus fast?



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

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**“A New Day”
(Mark 15:40-16:8)**

P.M. Cancelled

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE DEVOTIONAL

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Welcome Visitors

We want to personally thank you for joining us today. It is our prayer you leave our worship service with an uplifted spirit. Below is what you can expect during our services.

SINGING: Non-instrumental singing plays a great part of our worship services. We hope that you will find this to be an uplifting praise to the Lord. (Eph. 5:19)

LORD’S SUPPER: Each Sunday we observe the Lord’s Supper, which reflects on the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, and the hope of everlasting life we now can live through Him. (I Cor. 11:23-26)

CONTRIBUTION: During the service, we as members are given the opportunity to give a portion of what God has given us. This money is used to support the church and to help spread God’s Word. (I Cor. 16:2)

Schedule of Services

Sunday morning & online services are available, all Sunday night and Wednesday night service at the building are cancelled due to COVID-19.

Sunday:

Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening	6:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Class: (Sept-May)

Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Bible Class	7:00 p.m.
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Remembering His Resurrection Annually?

The calendar reads “Easter Sunday.” As a result, many people throughout the world will be attending the “church of their choice” to remember the resurrection of Jesus. It won’t be the “normal” service, but rather a “special” service of remembering the resurrection of our Lord that no doubt will include different plays, skits, and dramas. The world calls this day “Easter Sunday”, the day of our Lord’s resurrection from the grave. But is it really?

I don’t recall reading anywhere in the Bible of the day nor the special celebration of the resurrection mentioned. Yet many “good intentioned people”, honestly believing that they are commemorating the resurrection of Christ, celebrate this “holy day” having no biblical authority whatsoever for the practice. Because of tradition, most people today believe that Easter has always been observed from apostolic times and is authorized in the scriptures. But how could they get such an idea?

There is an unfortunate translation in the King James Version of the New Testament which has, perhaps, led some astray. The Greek, pascha, is translated by the word, “Easter” in Acts 12:4. This same word is properly translated in other versions and in every other passage where it is used in the King James Version, as Passover. Undoubtedly it was mistranslated here in Acts. And even if the word was properly translated, there is still no authority here for the observance of anything. That is why Easter, as we know it, is celebrated without proper Bible authority. The text of Acts 12:4 was in regard to the apostle Peter when he was put into prison during the days of Unleavened Bread or Passover as the NKJV, ASV, NASV, & NIV indicates. It is obvious that this passage of scripture is referring to the seven-day Passover festival. There is no place indicated in the New Testament that a yearly celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ was ever practiced. Yet today, thousands of people remember Him only this one day per year and they make it a grand festival.

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Pray for our Family

Doris Dromgoole will have her second Xray in 2 weeks. Please pray for a clear scan.

Russell Dukes JR. is improving daily.

Andrea Rucker has not been feeling well and has many health issues happening at once.

Jackie Crawford is now at home.

Terry Peavler is feeling better and would still like prayers on his behalf.

Howard Roden is doing a little better. Please remember **Howard & Dixie**.

Larry Harold is feeling better and his kidneys are improving.

Janet Barnwell continues to struggle with pain. She has requested prayers for her spiritual and physical wellbeing.

Please remember: Lydia Walden, Terry Peavler, Debbie White, Emileigh Marsh, Bobby Freeman, Doug Allee, Howard Roden, Debbie White, Sherlyn Cartwright, Mark Florez, Linda Carpenter, Jennifer George, Russel Dukes Jr, Scott Warren And ALL of the first responders and those dealing with Covid-19.



Bible Trivia Answers

- 1.) John 13:1-17
- 2.) Acts 7:54-8-2
- 3.) Galatians 2:1
- 4.) Mark 10:46-52
- 5.) Matthew 4:2

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Where Did Easter Come From Anyway?

The word "Easter" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word Eostre, the name of the goddess of Spring. Sacrifices were offered in her honor at the first full moon that came at the time of the vernal equinox. By the 8th century, the term came to be applied to the anniversary of Christ's resurrection [ISBE, Vol 2, page 6]. There has been much controversy about the time of this celebration. The Jewish Christians and Gentiles could not agree on a set date. But as time passed an increasing number of people celebrated the anniversary of the resurrection on the first day of the week annually. By the 7th century the practice of religious groups had become universally uniform. The agreed upon time is now the first Sunday following the full moon that comes on or after the vernal equinox and that date was set as March 21st. This is why there is a variation in Easter dates from March 22nd through April 25th. There has even been talk among the different religions as setting the date permanently on one Sunday between March 21st and April 25th.

The Proper Remembrance Of Jesus

I've filled you in on the history of this word "Easter" so that you will understand that it originated as a pagan holiday festival and later became a yearly festival to remember the resurrection of Christ among different religious groups across the world. The Lord's church does not celebrate Easter. Members of the Lord's church celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ on the first day of every week as we are instructed in the New Testament. We can turn to the book of Acts and read: "Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread" (Acts 20:7). We have an approved example from this text that lets every Christian know when one is to partake of the emblems which represent Christ's shed body for us. It says the first day of the week. It does not say "The first day of the week, once a year!" In I Corinthians 11:23-29, we can further understand the significance of this memorial feast that we partake of weekly. We learn that it represents the body and blood of Jesus and it says: "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." Again, how often should a Christian eat the bread and drink the cup? The first day of the week! There are many religious denominations out there today that do not partake of the Lord's Supper once per week. Some will do it bi-monthly, others monthly, still others just once or twice per year. Any individual that is striving to do "all the oracles of God" (I Peter 4:11), must understand that God sets the standard (rules) that we must go by today - not man (Acts 5:29). The New Testament is our standard. I urge you to examine the Bible, and then look at what you may be practicing in your religion, and then determine whether it is from God or from man.