

BIBLE TRIVIA

- 1.) Who cut off the ear of one of the high priest's servants?
- 2.) What does tribulation produce?
- 3.) How did King Ahasuerus reward Mordecai?
- 4.) Elders are compared to what?
- 5.) Who objected when a woman anointed Jesus' feet with expensive perfume?

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY



A.M. Jamie Cobb
“The Kingdom of Heaven”
(Ephesians 3:14-21)

P.M. Jamie Cobb
“What it’s Like”
(Matthew 13:44-47)

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE
DEVOTIONAL**

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:
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday:
Wednesday Night 7:00 p.m.



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Why Believe in God?

Part 4

According to research conducted by *Barna*, *PewResearch*, and *Gallup* there is a rapid reduction in America’s belief in God. In the last 14 years, there has been a 15% decline in those who say “religion is very important” in their life, and a 17% increase in individuals who say “religion is NOT important at all in their life.” Perhaps the most staggering statistic is the recession of those who believe God exists. In 2011, 92% of U.S. adults said they believe in God. Just 11 years later, that number dropped to 81%. To put that in more perspective, 81% of Americans believing in God is the lowest percentage it has ever been, since the data began being collected in 1945.

There are many reasons why people surrender their belief in God. Some get burned and hurt by the church they are a part of and that pushes them away entirely. Some get comfortable with their circumstances in life and do not find a *need* for God. Others simply have not pursued or engaged a conviction in God’s existence due to lack of necessity.

The resurrection of Jesus, for many, is the turning point in their conviction. When an individual journeys from the foot of the cross to the uninhabited tomb, they move from compassion to conviction.

Why should someone look to the resurrection to believe in God?

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Pray for our Family

Terry Peavler will continue chemo treatment.

Shundrea Jones (Angela's daughter) is expecting a **baby girl** in January. Please pray for a healthy pregnancy and healthy mom and baby.

Debbie White daughter in law **Aubrin's** is not doing well and may have to go back to the hospital, her liver is not functioning and she may need a transplant.

The Allee Family remember the family in prayer as the adjust to life without Doug.

Gov. Clements is in recuperating rehab.

The Wiley Family in the loss of Juanita (mother of DJ) passed away last week at the age of 50. Keep the family in prayer.

Barbara's Brother James passed away please keep the Townsend family in prayer.

Please remember: Mis. Easley, Queen Daily, Donald Jones, Chloe Phillips, Erin LeDoux (COBB), Krystal Spearman, Joe Silva, Queen Daily, Cliff Redmond, Sandra Collins, Ira Goode, Sandra Frasier, Tywana Williams, Karen Gentry, Yvonne Warner, Pattie Yazell, Andrea Rucker, Jackie Crawford, Michael Howsley, Lydia Walden, Emileigh Marsh, Doug & Linda Allee, Susan Wyche, Mark Florez, Linda Carpenter, Russel Dukes Jr, Scott Warren and ALL of the first responders and police.



Diaper Drive

*Shundrea Jones is expecting a baby girl in January, Kamilla Ann we will be collecting the following:
Baby diapers newborn to a year
Baby wipes*

Last day is Wednesday December 14th

Bible Trivia Answers

- 1.) John 18:10
- 2.) Romans 5:3
- 3.) Esther 6:8
- 4.) 1 Peter 5:1-2
- 5.) John 12:4

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The Resurrection was Popular — Paul confirms in the letter written to the Corinthians, in 15:5 by saying "...then he appeared to more than 500 brothers at one time." There was a large majority of people who witnessed the resurrected Christ. Moreover, consider how the gospel writer, Luke, gathered his documents (in addition to divine inspiration of course). "Just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you."

Perhaps most significant of all, consider how MANY religions have resulted from the very fact of Jesus' existence. While it is unfortunate to see religious confusion by way of thousands of Christian denominations, it remains impressive to me that people from all around the world believe in the story of Jesus.

The Resurrection Was Personal — When faced with an opportunity to speak in the presence of king Agrippa, Paul tells his personal encounter with Jesus (Acts 26). John recounts his experience of Jesus as he concludes his gospel account, "this is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that this testimony is true." When Jesus rose from the tomb, it was not merely a public spectacle; it was a personal invitation to believe in Him. And those who believed in Him could not help but proclaim Him.

The Resurrection Is Powerful — As mentioned earlier there have thousands, albeit millions who have come to believe in Jesus' resurrection.

One of the most powerful displays of this belief is seen through how individuals shape their life once convicted of the truth. Writings from Justin Martyr, Ignatius, Tertullian, and other second, third, and fourth century writers have all demonstrated how Jesus becomes the utmost priority even when they face unruly death in coliseums. Take also into consideration how nearly 2,000 years later, people all around the world are STILL talking about the Christ and His life. Christianity has been under a hostile magnifying glass by antagonists of every background, yet Christianity remains. There is eternal power in a risen Lord. Paul passionately wrote, "that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection" (Ph. 3:10).

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