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When God Steps In

Sunday, February the 10th, as the congregation of Victory Tabernacle began to assemble there was excitement in the air because everyone came expecting to receive the Word of God from our guest Evangelist, out of Okemah, OK, Rev. David Smith. Bro. Smith' Scripture came from Mark 5:35-42, but instead of the traditional reading of the Scripture, Bro. Smith paraphrased it. And in paraphrasing his Scripture he brought out these points: 1) Your miracle is in your mouth because what you say is what you going to get because that is what God is going to let take place; 2) Although the world says one thing God says something else; and 3) When God speaks things have to



Evangelist Rev. David Smith
at Victory Tabernacle

change and will move. He then went on to preach on "When God Steps In."

He began his message by telling us that when God steps in anything can happen and anybody can praise Him but not everybody can worship Him. He went on to say that even though the world laughs

at and scorns Jesus, He can still step into people's lives and do miraculous things because our God is not dead, dried up, or stuck off in some corner but He is alive and well. Therefore, don't put your faith in men because men are not faith healers, problem solvers, soul satisfiers or body healers, all a man is, is a vessel used by an awesome God.

So don't you dare let the devil tell you that something isn't going to happen because the devil is nothing but a liar and a deceiver and doesn't have any power over us. That's why we Apostolics need to quit lying on the devil. Because if you are Holy Ghost filled, baptized in Jesus

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Can Naturalistic Theories Account for the Resurrection?

One of our first thoughts when we hear someone claim to have witnessed a miracle is that there must be some sort of natural explanation. After all, even if they do occur, miracles are not the norm in nature.

In the Gospels we are told there was a similar response relating to Christ's resurrection. When the Jewish priests were told the report of the empty tomb, they spread the tale that Jesus' disciples had stolen His body (Matt. 28:12-

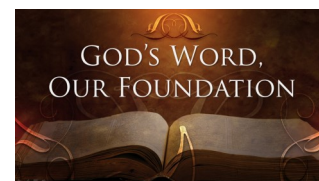
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Throughout history many have had similar responses regarding Jesus' resurrection, attempting to come up with naturalistic theories to explain away the resurrection. These attempts were far more common in the nineteenth century than they are today. For the sake of argument, let's take only those facts in the Gospels that virtually every scholar, liberal and conservative, who has studied the subject, acknowledges. When

trying to explain these commonly acknowledged facts with naturalistic theories, we find that none of them works.

For example, few critics have proposed that Jesus never died on the cross but instead "swooned"—fainted and only appeared dead. Dozens of medical studies have shown how death by crucifixion really kills and how this would be recognized by those present. Most of these reports argue that the chief cause of

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1 Peter 3:12

For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

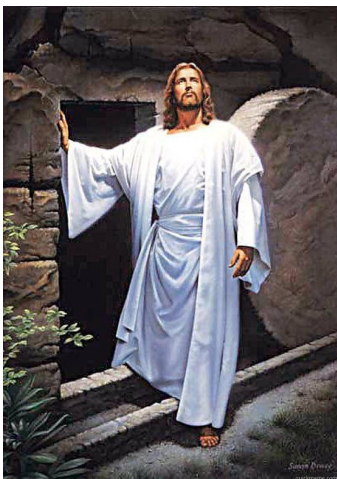
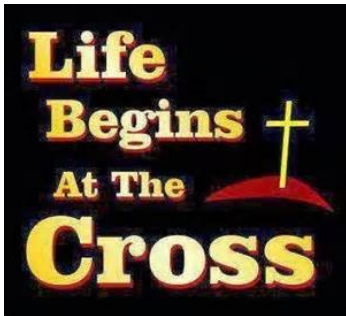
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Mark 5:35-36

While he yet spake,
ther came from the
ruler of the
synagogue's house
certain which said,
Thy daughter is dead:
why troublest thou
the Master any
further?

As soon as Jesus
heard the word that
was spoken, he saith
unto the ruler of the
synagogue, **Be not
afraid, only believe.**



When God Steps In

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Name and living a holy life then the devil can't do anything to you. It's when you open a door to sin that the devil starts raking hell and havoc in your life because he understands when you open that door, that's when he can have free reign. We, as Apostolics, have more power in our little pinky than the devil has in the whole world. Therefore we need to stand flatfooted and tell the devil you're nothing but a liar, deceiver, and the father of lies and God is alive and well.

If you are one those people that thinks and says there isn't anything wrong with you because the devil doesn't bother you then you're lost and don't know it. Why? Because the devil will not mess with people he already has. The reason there are people out there with fame, money, and valua-

ble possessions is not because they are serving 'The Master', it's because they are serving a master! And God says that you can't have two masters because you're either going to serve God or you're going to serve your money. And it for sure that it's not greener on the other side and God knows exactly what He's doing. Remember when God steps in something is going to happen and change and what you say is what you are going to get. So if you don't plan on God doing something for you then guest what? He ain't going to do anything.

This is what Bro. Smith had to say for the church folks that have been washed and sanctified and justified by the blood of Jesus Christ. If you're going through a little hell you ought to be excited, if you're going through some

situations you ought to be screaming, if you're going through some problems you ought to be shouting, and if you've been having some things going against your life you ought to get all excited because that means the devil ain't got you yet! But if you're sitting there like a knot on a dill pickle I'm telling you right now you're lost and don't know it. Most of all remember on our worst day we have more power than the devil.

Bro. David Smith is a dynamic preacher and preaches it like it is. He preaches it straight with no-holds barred the way lost souls should hear it. Now there is more to this message but in order to know what it is you will have to get a copy of the CD

The work of Christ is sufficient for every sin.

The Dew of the Morning

by F.B. Meyer

This cheery summons to wake up and shout is addressed to those who dwell in the dust! The world is filled with them – those who dwell in the dark cells of disappointed love and faith, or who have filled in their life's purpose, or who, like Bartimaeus [Mark 10:46], are blind and reduced to beggary ...

It may be that you have lost all sense of God's nearness and love – not because of any known sin, but through physical weakness, mental exhaus-

tion, or the loneliness of sorrow and suffering. It may be that you have been seeking him *without*, whilst He is *within* ...

It may be that you are perplexed by the mystery of unanswered prayer ... No answer comes back from the Infinite, and your prayers seem like vessels lost at sea.

It may be that your life has not realized its early ideals. As the years go forward, they carry us into disillusionment and heartbreak. Life has its

prizes and rewards, but they are not for us.

To all such we pass on Isaiah's words: "Wake up and shout for joy. Your dew is like the dew of the morning" (Isaiah 16:19). The dew is used here of the grace and love of God. Instead of *dust* there will be *dew*, which steals so gently and silently over the earth. The more dry and sapless a patch is, the more tenderly does the dew caress it!

The Sabbath

The evening of February 6th Bro. Bob Merideth was once again honored and privileged to be able to speak to the congregation of Victory Tabernacle. His subject was on "The Sabbath" and his Scripture beginning Scripture reading came from chapter 4 of Deuteronomy verses 12 and 13. Keying off verse 13 we learned that the Ten Commandments were the foundational principles that the Old Testament covenant between God and Israel was based on. And focusing on the 4th commandment that says "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy" he went on to say that when a child of God begins to search for the truth of God's Word the question of what day shall I keep for worship must be answered.

In the Old Testament God basically told His people to work six days and rest on the seventh day because it was the Sabbath. But the problem that many Christians have today is that they have failed to realize that the Old Testament covenant has been set aside for a new covenant that is a spiritual kingdom founded upon the law of Christ Jesus and is far removed from the old covenant. After the new covenant came into force there is not one verse of Scripture that shows that Christians ever kept the seventh day, or even the first day of the week, as a Sabbath. Furthermore, they were not commanded to keep either day as a Sabbath as Romans 10:4 tells us that Christ was the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believed.

In Colossians 2:16-17 Paul, speaking of foods and of the Sabbath, that was under the first covenant, said, "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect

of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ". In other words, the Sabbath was a shadow of something to come, and the body or the substance that made the shadow was Christ! Even when the Israelites were living in the land of Canaan under the leadership of Joshua they kept the Sabbath but they didn't have the rest of God in their souls but they were told of "another day" when the Spirit of God would fill the hearts of believers bringing them true rest which is this day of Grace or, if you will, this dispensation of the Gospel.

Hebrews 4:9-10 says "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his". And Titus 3:5 is a good explanation of the person who has ceased from his own works. Simply what Titus 3:5 is saying is those who have stopped from their own works have stopped trying to get this rest by any good works that they can do, but they enjoy this rest through the new birth of water and Spirit.

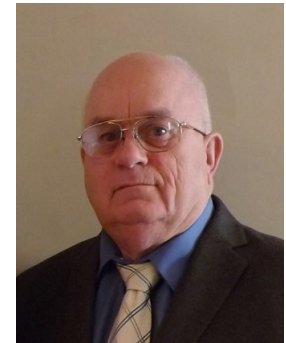
Romans 14:5 says tells us that one man reverences one day above another while another reverences every day alike so let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. So if we are to keep a twenty-four-hour Sabbath day, like some say, then we have no other instructions on how to keep it but the rule laid down for the seventh day in the Old Testament covenant. Although some live by such a rule today, there are some of us that reverence the first day of the week above the other days, not as a day of rest, but as a day of worship. You see,

we find our rest in Jesus because we have been baptized into and have put on Christ. Having stopped trusting in our own good works, we rest in Him.

Some teach that the Ten Commandments are moral law and, therefore, binding on the Christian. No doubt these commandments contain moral law, but to refrain from working on one day of the week is not a moral act and has nothing to do with a person's character. Among the many moral laws of the new covenant, particularly in Acts and the Epistles, there is no mention of keeping a twenty-four-hour Sabbath. Surely if such a Sabbath had been in order, some verses, such as Romans 13:9, would have mentioned it. Therefore we have concluded that the Old Testament Sabbath was a shadow of Christ, as Colossians 2:16-17 declares, and not binding for Christians.

In Exodus 31:13 God said that the Sabbath was a sign, or a seal, between God and the Israelites throughout their generations, that they might know He was the Lord and that He was the one who sanctified them or set them apart. Likewise Ephesians 4:30 tells us that our New Testament experience of rest in the Holy Ghost is a seal that we might know that Jesus is the Lord and that He sanctifies us.

When we receive this rest in the Holy Ghost, then we can say that Jesus is Lord (master or ruler) of our lives. Furthermore, Exodus 31:14-15 reveals that the penalty of breaking the Sabbath was death. So in our New Testament Sabbath, the penalty of breaking faith with the Holy Spirit in our lives, thus breaking the seal, is death. "For to be carnally minded is death;



Bro. Bob Merideth

Deuteronomy 4:13

And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Romans 8:6).

So you see the Sabbath of the new Covenant is not a physical day but it is the rest we find in Jesus Christ (the Holy Ghost) which should be every day.

Sis. Sherry's Column



DON'T DIG UP IN DOUBT WHAT YOU PLANTED IN FAITH!



Let us compare the word DOUBT and FAITH!

Doubt – uncertainty, lack of certainty, unsure, indecision, hesitation, hesitancy, suspicion, confusion, distrust, mistrust, lack of trust, doubtfulness, disbelief, lack of confidence/ conviction, uneasiness, apprehension, questioning, misgivings and disbelief.

Romans 14:23 - And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because [he eateth] not of faith: for whatsoever [is] not of faith is sin.

James 1:5-8 - If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all [men] liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 - For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Luke 1: 18-20 : And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.¹⁹ And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.²⁰ And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

Matthew 21:21 - Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye

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shall not only do this [which is done] to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. [Matthew 14:31](#) - And immediately Jesus stretched forth [his] hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? [Mark 11:23](#) - For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

FAITH - complete trust or confidence in someone or something, belief, reliance, dependence, hope, expectation, when you have faith you trust or believe in someone.

[Hebrews 11:1-40](#) - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. [Mark 11:22-25](#) - And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

[Proverbs 3:5](#) - Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

[Mark 9:24](#) - And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

[Isaiah 41:10](#) - Fear thou not; for I [am] with thee: be not dismayed; for I [am] thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

[Proverbs 3:5-8](#) - Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.



Read Bible scriptures about the importance of not giving in to doubt because "nothing is too hard for God". Jesus said that "blessed are those that believe without seeing me", so don't let doubt ruin your faith in God and Jesus Christ.

Can Naturalistic Theories Account for the Resurrection?

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**God is Closer than
you think**

Indeed, if we consider...the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak.... We are far too easily pleased.

The foolish man
seeks happiness in
the distance;
the wise grows it
under his feet.

...

*I have learned, in whatsoever state
I am, therewith to be content.*

Philippians 4:11

death in crucifixion was asphyxiation (death from being unable to breathe). It is even easy to ascertain when the victim was dead—he remained hanging in the down position without pushing up to breathe. Additionally, a death blow frequently ensured the victim's demise. The prevailing medical explanation of Jesus' chest wound is that the presence of blood and water indicates He was stabbed through the heart, thereby ensuring His death.

But many scholars think another serious problem dooms the swoon theory. If Jesus had not died on the cross, He would have been in exceptionally bad shape when His followers saw Him. Limping profusely, bleeding from His many wounds and probably even leaving a bloody trail, stoop shouldered and pale, He hardly would have been able to convince His disciples that He was their risen Lord—and in a transformed body at that! Many historical reasons and the near unanimity of scholarly opinion indicate that Jesus' disciples at least truly believed they had seen Him resurrected. On such grounds the swoon thesis is actually self-refuting. It represents a Jesus who would have contradicted the disciples' belief in His resurrection simply by appearing in the horrible physical shape that is demanded by this view!

But could the disciples have stolen His dead body? This approach has been almost ignored for more than 200 years because it would not explain the disciples' sincere belief that they had seen the risen Jesus—a belief for which they were clearly willing to die. Their transfor-

mations need an adequate explanation. Neither would the theft hypothesis explain the conversions from skepticism by James, the brother of Jesus, or Paul, occasioned by their own beliefs that they had also seen the risen Jesus. These facts are noted even by critical scholars.

Might someone else have stolen Jesus' body? This approach addressed nothing but the empty tomb. It provides no explanation for Jesus' appearances, which are the best evidence for the resurrection. Further, it fails to account for the conversions of James and Paul. Besides, many candidates for the body stealers would have had no motivation for taking the body. This alternative accounts for far too little of the known data. It is no wonder that critics virtually never opt for it.

There are myriads of problems with hallucination theories, too. We will mention just a few. Hallucinations are private experiences, whereas our earliest accounts report that Jesus appeared to groups as well as to individuals. Further, the dissimilar personalities witnessing the appearances clearly militate against everyone's inventing a mental image, often at the same time. So do the reactions of those disciples who responded to reports of the resurrection by doubting. The conversions of James and Paul are extremely problematic for this view, since unbelieving skeptics would hardly desire to hallucinate about the risen Jesus. And if hallucinations are the best explanation, then the tomb should not have been empty!

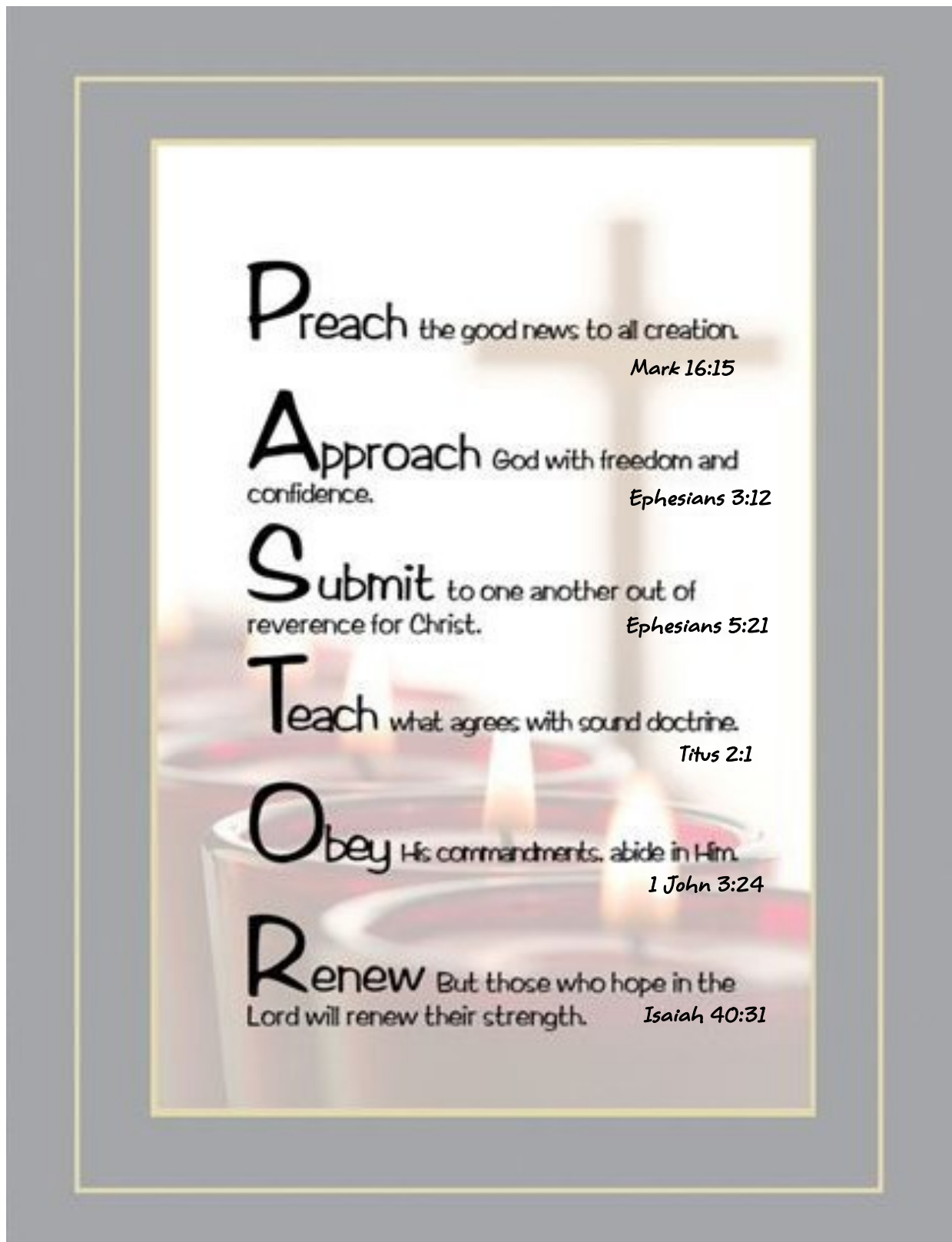
Could the resurrection accounts have developed later as mere stories that grew over

time? A few of the potential responses should be adequate. Here again, the fact that the disciples truly believed they had seen the risen Jesus is highly problematic for this view, since it indicates the original accounts were derived from the eyewitnesses themselves, not from some later stories. Further, the fact that these appearances were reported extremely early, within just a few years of the crucifixion, attests that at least the core message was intact from the outset. Moreover, the empty tomb would be a constant physical reminder that this was not just some ungrounded tale. Both James and Paul again provide even more insurmountable problems for this view, for these skeptics were convinced that they had also seen the risen Jesus; tales developing years later fail to account for their conversions.

For reasons such as these, most critical scholars today reject the naturalistic theories as adequate accounts of Jesus' resurrection. They simply do not explain the known historical data. In fact, many liberal scholars even critique the alternatives that are periodically suggested!

Here we have a strong witness to the historical nature of Jesus' resurrection. Naturalistic theories have failed. Further, many historical evidences favor the resurrection. Taking all this together, we have strong reasons to believe that this event actually occurred in history. After all, the more thoroughly the alternative theories fail, the more we are left with the evidences themselves, and they are powerful indicators that Jesus rose from the dead.

Community Corner





Luke 11:3
Give us day by day our daily bread

Daily Scripture Reading

Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap
Mar 1	Deu	4-6	Jos	1		Mar 19	Jg	2-4	Mar 28	1 S	5-8
Mar 2	Deu	7-9	Mar 11	Jos	2-5	Mar 20	Jg	5-7	Mar 29	1 S	9-12
Mar 3	Deu	10-12	Mar 12	Jos	6-8	Mar 21	Jg	8-9	Mar 30	1 S	13-14
Mar 4	Deu	13-16	Mar 13	Jos	9-11	Mar 22	Jg	10-12	Mar 31	1 S	15-17
Mar 5	Deu	17-20	Mar 14	Jos	12-14	Mar 23	Jg	13-16	Apr 1	1 S	18-19
Mar 6	Deu	21-23	Mar 15	Jos	15-17	Mar 24	Jg	17-19	Apr 2	1 S	20-22
Mar 7	Deu	24-27	Mar 16	Jos	18-19	Mar 25	Jg	20-21	Apr 3	1 S	23-25
Mar 8	Deu	28-29	Mar 17	Jos	20-22		Ru	1	Apr 4	1 S	26-29
Mar 9	Deu	30-31	Mar 18	Jos	23-24	Mar 26	Ru	2-4	Apr 5	1 S	30-31
Mar 10	Deu	32-34	Jg	1		Mar 27	1 S	1-4		2 S	1-2

March Birthdays and Anniversaries



03/02 - Cassity Lynn Miller
03/07 - Thaddeus Lewis
03/08 - Leonard Sims
- IsaBella Claussen
03/13 - Gabriel Miller-Lewis
03/14 - Mike Lipscomb
03/15 - Dean Mayes
03/20 - Charlotte Claussen
03/25 - Wayne Dawson
03/27 - Bob Merideth



03/13 - Joe & Tamekia Hayes

Note: Birthday and Anniversary dates are taken from the latest Victory Tabernacle Church Directory.

If any information in this article is wrong please notify Bro. Bob with corrections and/or additions.

THANK YOU

February Messages

Sun 2/03 - Pastor Dale Taylor after reading Psm 40:1-3 preached on "A Song of Deliverance."

Wed 2/06 - After reading Deut. 4:12-13 Bro. Bob Merideth spoke on "The Sabbath"

Sun 2/10 AM - Evangelist David Smith preached on "When God Steps in." Scripture: Mark 5:41-42

PM - Evangelist David

Smith preached on "Miracles." Scripture: Mark 11:23-24 & Jeremiah 23:27

Wed 2/19 - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "The Church." No Scripture reading.

Sun 2/17 - After reading Isa 40:10-18 Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "what can you compare God to?"

Wed 2/20 - No service due


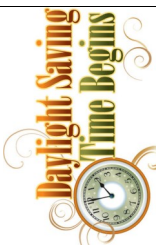

to bad weather (flooding)

Sun 2/24 - Pastor Troy Taylor keying off verse 3 of Psalm 34:1-3 preached on "Praise is Better Together."

Wed 2/27 - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "The Miracle of the Multiplying Oil." Scripture: 2 Kings 4:1-7.



March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	Outreach 9:30 AM 2
Sunday Service 10 AM 3	4	5	6	7	8	Outreach 9:30 AM 9 SPRING FORWARD Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour this Sunday at 2 a.m. 
Sunday Service 10 AM 10 	11	12	13	14	15	Outreach 9:30 AM 16
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Sunday Service 10 AM			Evening Service 7 PM			

Without God We are Nothing!

Chef's Corner

Apple Fritters

Ingredients

GLAZE:

- 2 cups powdered sugar
- ½ teaspoon maple or vanilla extract
- 3 tablespoons milk, more or less

FRITTERS:

- Vegetable oil, for frying
- 1½ cups self-rising flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 medium apples, peeled, cored, and chopped (about 2 cups)
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- ⅓ cup milk, more or less



Directions

GLAZE:

- 1) Combine powdered sugar, extract, and ½ tablespoon milk, adding more milk as needed, until you have a thick but still liquid glaze. If mixture is too thick, add additional milk 1 teaspoon at a time; set aside.

FRITTERS:

- 1) Preheat deep fryer to 375°, or heat 2 inches of oil in a deep skillet.
- 2) Whisk together flour, baking powder, brown sugar, and cinnamon in a medium-size bowl; add chopped apples, and toss. Add egg, melted butter, and enough milk to form a thick batter.
- 3) Use a small cookie scoop, or ⅛-cup measure, to carefully drop batter into hot oil, and cook until browned on both sides, turning over if needed. Drain on a rack over paper towels; let cool slightly, and dip each fritter in Glaze. May omit Glaze and dust with powdered sugar, or serve plain; serve immediately.

On The Lighter Side

Love given
reflects
love received.





CROSSWORD

by Sarah Lagerquist Simmons

Stories with a Purpose

Jesus and other wise men told stories to guide and teach their listeners. As you work this crossword, may you return to these notable biblical tales and allow their hidden meaning to increase your understanding.

Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise.

PROVERBS 1:5-6

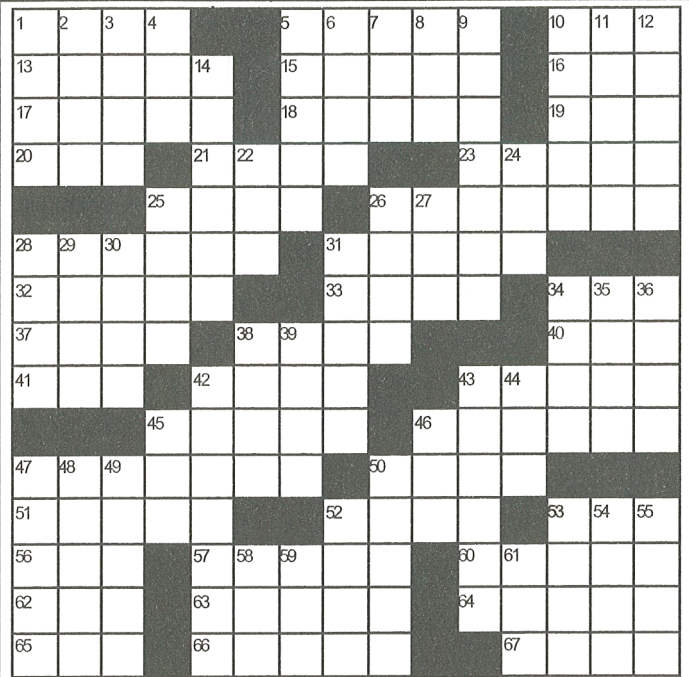
ACROSS

- 1 "The waters called he ____" (Genesis 1:10)
- 5 Crooked
- 10 JESUS TOLD A PARABLE ABOUT A SOWER WHO WENT OUT TO ____ SEEDS
- 13 Spin
- 15 French river
- 16 The very first woman
- 17 "Wild animals will like it just fine, filling the vacant houses with ____ night sounds" (Isaiah 13:21 MSG)
- 18 "Who hath... ____ out heaven with the span" (Isaiah 40:12)
- 19 "Deliver thyself as a ____ from the hand of the hunter" (Proverbs 6:5)
- 20 "____ them loose from the grip of Egypt" (Exodus 3:8 MSG)
- 21 JESUS SAID HE IS THE ____ SHEPHERD
- 23 NATHAN USED A STORY TO MAKE ____ SEE HIS SIN
- 25 Buzz
- 26 Easels
- 28 "They take counsel together... they ____ to take away my life" (Psalm 31:13 NKJV)
- 31 "Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh... nor ____ any marks upon you" (Leviticus 19:28)
- 32 "Let the living bird ____ into the open field" (Leviticus 14:7)
- 33 "I will ____ unto the LORD" (Exodus 15:1)
- 34 Freedom (abbr.)
- 37 Margarine
- 38 "My beloved is like a gazelle or a young ____" (Song of Solomon 2:9 NASB)
- 40 Rage
- 41 "Their lungs breathe out poison ____" (Psalm 5:9 MSG)

- 42 "A banana ____ lands them flat on their faces" (Psalm 37:14 MSG)
- 43 Unit for measuring precious gems
- 45 "These Gadites were the ____ of the crop" (1 Chronicles 12:14 MSG)
- 46 Capital of Albania
- 47 Legume husks
- 50 THE PRODIGAL SON WAS TREATED TO THIS FOR DINNER
- 51 "Her husband may confirm it or... ____ it" (Numbers 30:13 NASB)
- 52 JESUS TOLD ABOUT A MAN WHO WAS FORGIVEN OF A DEBT OF 10,000 TALENTS BUT PUT A MAN IN ____ THAT OWED HIM 100 PENCE
- 53 "He doesn't endlessly ____ and scold" (Psalm 103:9 MSG)
- 56 Restricted (abbr.)
- 57 "One cake of ____ bread" (Exodus 29:23)
- 60 Crumble
- 62 "Do ye not therefore ____, because ye know not the scriptures...?" (Mark 12:24)
- 63 "The ____ of them that sing do I hear" (Exodus 32:18)
- 64 Large couch
- 65 Color
- 66 A WEDDING ____ WITHOUT THE PROPER GARMENT WAS CAST OUT OF THE WEDDING IN THIS STORY
- 67 "The One... has founded His vaulted ____ over the earth" (Amos 9:6 NASB)

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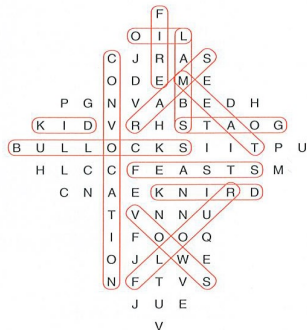
- 1 "There is but a ____ between me and death" (1 Samuel 20:3)
- 2 Pitcher
- 3 Breezy
- 4 ____ Lanka



- 5 PAUL WROTE THAT CHRISTIANS NEED TO PUT ON THE WHOLE ____ OF GOD, IN ORDER TO STAND AGAINST THE DEVIL
- 6 "Their feet are swift to ____ blood" (Romans 3:15)
- 7 Gear
- 8 Unsaturated carbon compound (suffix)
- 9 GUESTS INVITED TO A ____ WOULD NOT COME, SO THEY INVITED ANYONE THEY COULD FIND IN THIS STORY
- 10 Control system (abbr.)
- 11 Egg-shaped
- 12 "The ____ were wrapped about my head" (Jonah 2:5)
- 14 Bean
- 22 "I have made you a tester of metals and my people the ____" (Jeremiah 6:27 NIV)
- 24 "Men of might... were strong and ____ for war" (2 Kings 24:16)
- 25 Mexican coin
- 26 Neat
- 27 Japanese money
- 28 Toil
- 29 Pop
- 30 "The charge was two-thirds of a shekel for the plowshares... and to fix the ____" (1 Samuel 13:21 NASB)
- 31 "David delivered first this ____ to thank the LORD" (1 Chronicles 16:7)
- 34 Turkish money
- 35 Iraq's neighbor
- 36 Second letter of Greek alphabet
- 38 JESUS TOLD A STORY ABOUT ____ THAT WAS CAST INTO STONY PLACES
- 39 Drinks
- 42 "Keep therefore his statutes... that thou mayest ____ thy days upon the earth" (Deuteronomy 4:40)
- 43 DAVID HAD BATHSHEBA'S HUSBAND ____
- 44 Noise a dog makes
- 45 Computer (abbr.)
- 46 Siamese
- 47 Blanched
- 48 IN PROVERBS, IT TELLS US THAT WISDOM CRIES OUT AT THE ____ OF THE CITY (Proverbs 8:3)
- 49 Benedict Arnold's coconspirator
- 50 Trainee
- 52 Strap used in falconry
- 53 Recent (Portuguese)
- 54 The first man
- 55 Basic unit of heredity
- 58 Debt
- 59 "If a soul sin... and ____ unto his neighbor" (Leviticus 6:2)
- 61 "I will ____ you out of their bondage" (Exodus 6:6)

Answer to last month's Word Search

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Sunday School **10 AM**
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John 12:23-26

23. And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

24. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

25. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal

26. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

Dying to Be a Servant: A Parable

*taken from the
In Touch Magazine*

Read: John 12:23-26

Once upon a time there were two grains of wheat lying on the floor of a warm and cozy barn. But one day, the farmer came in and told them, "I want to take you out of this comfortable barn and plant you in the earth. I'm going to place you in the cold ground and cover you with soil. It will be dark, and you will die. But I promise that you will multiply and become very fruitful."

The first grain of wheat turned down the suggestion. "No way!" he said. "Count me out. I like my comfort, and I don't want to die." But the second one, after carefully considering the pain and discomfort of dying, decided the

promise of a future harvest was worth the sacrifice. So the farmer took him outside and planted him in the ground, while allowing the first grain of wheat to remain inside the barn.

A few days later, a small green sprout appeared over where the seed had been planted. The it grew and became a tall stalk of wheat that produced one hundred more grains. For the next forty years, the farmer planted all the seeds that had originated from that first grain of wheat, and year after year, the harvest multiplied. However, the grain of wheat that stayed in the barn remained there by itself, never multiplying—but he was very comfortable.

Which grain of wheat are you? Are you playing it safe, or have you let Christ plant you in the world? The only way you'll ever become useful and fruitful in God's kingdom is to abandon your own selfish desires, get out of your comfort zone, and serve the Lord by serving others.