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Jesus Trivia

Jesus got his name from the angel Gabriel

Jesus was a common first-century name

Jesus last name isn't Christ

Jesus probably wasn't born on December 25

Jesus' family tree has some pretty shady characters

We don't know exactly how many magi visited Jesus

Jesus spoke multiple languages

Jesus frequently showed emotion

Jesus quoted Deuteronomy to the devil

Jesus raised three people from the dead

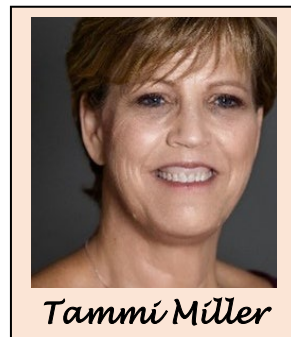
Jesus' ministry only lasted about 3.5 years

LOVE
GOD.
LOVE
PEOPLE.

The Kingdom of God

Matthew 6:25-33 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? So, do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

Today I was listening to a message about the Kingdom of God. So often, the world and its culture we currently live in seems so overwhelming. Full of distractions of daily tasks, responsibilities, and unexpected life events. As we strive to navigate through these events we can lose our sense of purpose, joy and peace. Suddenly before our eyes we are faced with things that seem hopeless and at the core of our inner being fatigue and exhaustion sets in and before we know it the weight of hopelessness has suffocated any and every ounce of joy in the Lord we once had. What is the bridge of joy that creates an abundant life? In these moments I have been tempted to find a place to assess blame, if this would change then I would know what abundant life is that Christ promised. But what if there is no one to blame? In a moment, the Lord places a mirror before my heart and shows me the reflection of my life. I look and I see, and, in that moment, I am pierced through at the realization – Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness “THEN” all these things will be added to you.



*What do we do
when we find our
life experiences
creating a space
of doubt, fear,*

The Kingdom of God cont.

The reality hits me square between my eyes. Have I sought the Kingdom of God and His righteousness first? Am I just living in the mundane comfort zone of managing life day in and day out without much thought about my kingdom purpose? What does it mean to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness? Basically, to seek means to pursue. Pursue first things first. What does the Kingdom of God look like in my workplace, my home life, my personal life, in the interactions of those around me. Am I reflecting his heart and principles and displaying his righteousness? Or am I simply managing the ups and downs of my own life experiences.

Today God called my heart back to the place of meditating on this verse when I was first saved. Little else mattered except knowing how God wanted me to see him and display him. Is my heart solely focused on the heart of my Father? Do I trust his word that if pursuing him and seeking his heart and his kingdom principles that he will keep his word and add the resources I need for living an abundant life? He is a good Father and a man of integrity, and will he not keep his word to us especially if he cares for the flowers of the field and the birds of the air. Life is never free of trouble but if we are completely pursuing how to allow God to establish his kingdom in our hearts and lives then we have the confidence he will resource us with everything we need to sustain life and thrive abundantly.

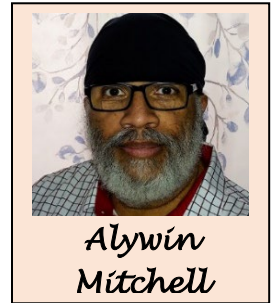
God can be trusted even when life gets hard. Our greatest blessing ever is that no matter what happens in our world he is ever present with us, resourcing us with what we need to accomplish our purpose. Your purpose is different than my purpose. None the less in the middle of your purpose is the heartbeat of God that someone else needs to resonate with. Someone

else needs to hear or feel the heartbeat of God through your touch, your words, your experience, your endurance your positivity, your choice to be kind amid difficulty, you are finding peace amid chaos. In the weakest moments of your life is when you demonstrate the strength of your relationship with God Almighty. Be encouraged, know God has absolutely everything you need and he promises to provide you with all you need as you place him as your main focus.



Can You Obey Without Faith?

Throughout my walk with God, I have discovered that every once in a while, a question comes up that absolutely captivates my mind for a time. Sometimes, it's minutes or hours, sometimes days or even years. Like the question, "Can a moral man maintain his moral code in an immoral world? --Mordechai Anielewicz, Uprising, 2001. I have had interesting conversations about that question with Pastors, friends, and family.



But the question I heard the other day that got my attention was, "Can you obey God without faith?" It sparked a short debate that I was not initially a part of. But the discussion was fruitless nonsense. Because that's not the RIGHT question, the question must be, "Can you obey God without faith IN HIM? There is no debate on this question. The answer is a resounding NO!

"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." Hebrews 11:6

The verse gives us a truth which is easily understood. Ultimately, God requires our faith in Him and trust in Him. Our actions are a result of our obedience. In writing the Book of Hebrews, Paul is not asking us to be gullible, foolish, or to have wishful thinking. Paul gives us evidence and shows logic that actions without trust in God are worthless. God is not seeking a bunch of mindless robots, mindlessly grasping in the dark, running here and there, doing things without sincere faith. Trying to be obedient without faith is painful, boring, and lifeless.

Hebrews 11:16 says, *"anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists."* If you desire an intimate, passionate, personal relationship with God, you must have a deep-rooted, hard-core, bred-in-the-bone genuine conviction that comes from experiencing God's love and the faithfulness of His Word, showing you that He is real. I am talking about wholehearted devotion to Him and involvement in every part of your life. Not just some intellectual knowledge you may have learned from a book other than the Bible!

God abundantly gives us the faith required to please Him, *"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."* Ephesians 2:8-9

Can You Obey Without Faith? cont.

It is impossible to live for God, follow and serve Him daily, and keep on keeping on without faith. Our entire Christian life is lived by faith. As it says in Romans 1:17 *"For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."*

Obedience must become a way of life. There is no salvation, no eternal life, without obedience! *"And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him."* Jesus became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him. By the obedience of Jesus Christ, the way to abundant life and eternal life are opened up for us.



You can think what you want, say what you want, and believe what you want, but obedience to the Lord God is what counts! There is no salvation without it.

And we have absolutely no excuse not to be obedient. *We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete."* 2 Corinthians 10:5-6



We might as well face it. Obedience is a lifetime battle. But over time, we get better at obeying. We will go through trials, pain, sorrows, hurts, and desires. However, when these things happen to us again, we can remember how the Lord delivered us and spoke, *"fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.* (Isaiah 41:10) or simply encouraged us to "keep on keeping on" through them, and the next time it's easier to have faith and obey.

Fan or Follower?

When the New England Patriots are playing on a Sunday afternoon you can hear when something significant happens during the game ... The noise of cheers and jeers reverberate throughout the prison compound. However, some of this noise is still attributed to TB12 (The GOAT).

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Prison is a place where football is the most anticipated and celebrated sport. Some facilities across the country have intramural flag football leagues during the Fall season. There are various fantasy leagues, comparing teams and players, statistics, and oh yes, lots of trash talking. Purchased early in the week from the commissary are the ingredients to make nachos, burritos, and gumbos. These all build momentum for game day but the level of this ferocity usually separates who is just a fan and who is a true-blue follower of the game of football.

Throughout Jesus' ministry His encounters with people were often aimed at the true character of a person. One such encounter was with a young, wealthy, religious leader recorded in Matthew 19:16-26. The rich young ruler was acquiring - if you will - how to be on God's team. Jesus, already knowing he was spiritually bankrupt, points out commandments five through nine, then adds Leviticus 19:18 to summarize them. The young rich ruler responds by saying, "Oh yes, I've been true to those since I was a kid". (v. 20 paraphrased). Then Jesus replies, " If you want to make the roster you lack one thing ... sell all you have and give the money to the poor ... come and follow Me". (v. 21 paraphrased)

Metaphorically speaking, the world teaches us that the best seat in the house is at the 50-yard line, sitting in a lavish press box. It's from this viewpoint Jews during Jesus' time believed wealth was a sign of God's blessing and to be seen giving greater alms. No wonder the rich young ruler walked away distraught by Jesus' statement. (v. 22)

When I have conversations with people who come back to prison multiple times, I like to use this discourse. I point out, like the rich young ruler, nothing much has been required from them or of themselves. They say and do all the right things in jail but when they get released, they eventually revert back to what they've been used to doing. Appearances and cutting corners to do what is necessary is the standard. They tend to accept what I heard a preacher say once, "The world's gospel is try a little harder, do a little better." There is no power in subscribing to this motto. Human wisdom does not have the power to save, nor the power and strength to battle spiritual warfare. God's power renders the enemy's game plan ineffective. Consequently, fans like the young rich ruler give up on their team when they struggle on the field.

The rich young ruler was now at a crossroad. Jesus presented him with a heart check moment. But the rich young ruler fell under the pressure of the world. His youth and talent, intelligence and bravado, stature and bank account was his stumbling block. Jesus' call is one of faith. With God it's always a heart issue. There are no analytics or metrics for it. God is a rewarder to those who put their faith in Him (Hebrews 11:6). Your trust is the one thing God doesn't have. No wonder the rich young ruler walked away saddened by Jesus' statement.

Fan or Follower? cont.

We all have aspects about our lives we struggle with, but it's those things that act as a barrier to our relationship with Jesus that can create difficulties. What Jesus was saying to the rich young ruler is you may be passionate about the law and your pursuits but you're missing the entire point of loving people and doing the right thing with your time, talent, and treasure. He was having an identity crisis with his social role. We all desire significance and security. But fans attach significance to status and security to materialism. To be a follower of Jesus is to be a living sacrifice.

Referring to Nicodemus in his book, *Not A Fan*, Kyle Idleman writes in effect, ... There is no way to follow Jesus without Him interfering with your life. Following Jesus will cost you something. Following Jesus will always cost you something. For Nicodemus it would cost him a powerful position, the respect of coworkers, source of income and livelihood, friendships, and some family relationships.

Recidivism rates show that those who return make up some of the best fans. Why? Because they're not willing to give God what is necessary in obedience. Just like the rich young ruler they may look the part, talk the talk but don't walk the walk. Perhaps you've noticed similar fans on display with their Sunday team jersey on (sitting in a pew), cheering (singing and praising) louder than the people around them. They are able to quote player statistics (scripture), but never get on the playing field (putting in kingdom work). No blood, sweat, or tears for a fan.

The comfort zone for the rich young ruler was his self-sufficiency of wealth. But Jesus is a perspective changer. He wants us to value what He values which is getting out of our own comfort zones of doing things our own way and into the end zone for Jesus. We must be faithful in following His game plan of priorities. You have to ask yourself the question(s): Who did He spend time with? How? Where did He go? When? What talents did He use to glorify His Father?

Fans compromise, followers commit. Which are you? What prevents you from being a game changer and difference maker?

Finally ... Do you have your favorite team's logo tattooed on your arm for impression sake or do you have a permanent place for Jesus to reside in your heart? Which you have will determine whether you are just a fan or a follower.



Hearing the Word of God



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I hope everyone understands how God speaks to us every day all day long. He longs for us to listen and to respond to him because he wants an intimate relationship with us. Some people say, “well I can’t hear God no matter what I do”. That simply isn’t true. You just are not in touch with the spiritual realm. You must step out in faith and know He is there. When you do that, your entire perspective changes and you can hear, see, feel and experience the same thing Adam experienced in the garden of Eden. Adam **heard the voice of the LORD** in the cool of the day. He was clearly hearing from the LORD. Not to get too far off track but I had a Shih Tzu that I swear understood English better than many humans. I truly believe, this is not biblical and it’s just my opinion, but animals don’t just understand certain commands but they understand our moods, our tone of voice and yes even a greater vocabulary than we give them credit for. I may just feel this way, because of how much I loved my pet, but nonetheless, she proved me right about this point over and over again.

This brings me back to what God says to us. It is our job to listen and search out what He is trying to tell us. We may not always understand and that is why we need to press in until we get answers to His words. We are called to search out the Word of God through His scriptures which is the living Word of God. There is power in the name of Jesus. We, as Christians, all know that but there is also great power in understanding the unlimited power of the Word of God. When we prophesy or speak scriptures out loud, we are creating what God wants us to create. We are speaking into existence that which we cannot see with our natural eyes. The bible gives us an answer to every problem that we could ever face. Just imagine that concept! There is nothing new under the sun. (Ecc: 1:9) We will never face anything that God hasn’t already put a solution for into His living Word the Bible.

Many people also hear God through the Holy Spirit. They may get words of knowledge, prophecy, dreams or visions. I myself get all of these things. It is hard to know how to interpret dreams and visions. Believe me, God’s ways are not our ways. Most of the time our intellectual brain gets in the way of what God is trying to tell or show us. Even when I think I have it figured out, I can go back to a word I received or a dream I had and realize later that I missed what God was really trying to say to me. Words of knowledge tend to be quite accurate. They help you to understand how much God actually speaks to you. So don’t worry if you miss the mark or don’t quite understand what God is sharing with you. The main thing is to not lose focus and give up. You must keep striving to tap into that unlimited supernatural wisdom of God. Remember all good things come from God. Anything bad, dark or unpleasant is coming from another dimension altogether. Stay away from that and don’t let it in. Even the Pharaoh’s sorcerers could do some magic tricks. They in no way could ever compete with God Almighty!

Hearing the Word of God cont.

Are you going to be a believer that wants to get to know God on an intimate basis? Or are you going to allow yourself to stay stagnant and unwilling to fully receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit? There is only one way to work on yourself. You must do it with the help of God. Anything we try to achieve through our own strength, will or might, eventually fails. We have all experienced this throughout our lives. We tend to think that if we keep fighting, if we just try harder, if we just work harder and think smarter, we can get ahead. I don't know about you, but that is how Satan kept me oppressed. I am no longer that person because God showed me His unlimited favor and mercy. I started researching the Word of God. I started pressing in to learn more about how to have a personal relationship with Jesus. Once I developed that personal relationship with Jesus, I then became capable of protecting myself with the Blood of the Lamb. I started to tap into the information God wanted to share with me. It's an unlimited amount of information. There's no way we will ever comprehend it all.

Starting about the first week of September, I had several days where I felt blah and most days didn't work out the way I had planned. I felt like I was behind on everything and nothing was going right. I prayed and asked God each day what am I missing Jesus? I waited patiently to hear what was causing this oppression to be all over me. It turned out that several of my Christian friends were having the same problem. Then the Lord woke me up abruptly on September 10th at 7:03 in the morning. I heard the word **"TASKMASTER"**. He went on to say, "Do not be a slave to your day, your mind, your emotions, your surroundings or to idols. When you let everything else control you, I cannot be a part of your day also. There isn't enough room or time for Me says the Lord. Once this demonic spirit gets a hold of you, it seems like you never get ahead. Instead, you feel out of sorts, not able to concentrate, and you don't accomplish what is planned. This spirit attacks your **"perspective"** on everything by keeping you busy or a **"slave to the grind"** you might call it. Satan loves to use this evil spirit to make you feel unfulfilled no matter what the day brings; no matter what peace I send you. Its main focus is to steal time away from Me! If he can keep you so busy you have no time for God, no time for peace, then you can't experience, My presence, or My love. He wins because you start to feel numb at first, then blah and eventually angry or frustrated. Your emotions go off into all directions and you forget I'm here for you says the Lord. Don't be enslaved by the demon who steals time from your thoughts and keeps you in bondage. Get rid of him and let your focus be on Me. I will give you everything you need and more."

I have learned to wait on God. Sometimes I still get impatient but I'm working on it! God will always give you the answer to what is going on and how to handle it. This was the answer I needed and the minute I did battle with that spirit, it left me. God was telling me put Him first and there will always be more than enough time to finish everything else!

Lonely But NOT Alone

Sometimes, I sit, waiting for my phone to ring. No one ever calls. But why? Do people even think about me? Do I ever cross their mind? Sometimes I call them, but they never answer. They are just too busy for me.

I think to myself, if they only knew what I was going through, maybe they'd pick up the phone. When I was partying and "living my best life" this was never a problem.

These thoughts use to consume my mind. Now, I am no psychologist, but I think the lonely feelings I was feeling threw me into a deep hole of depression. How will I get out of here? It is dark here. I am by myself here. And because I am alone, who is going to help me out of here?!!

Well, there are some things I learned throughout my lonely years. The enemy was extremely busy making sure that I feel every bit of the lonely season. He had planted thoughts in my mind that I knew were not true. I had to fight back by finding Gratitude and Thankfulness. "What is there to be thankful about," you ask? As absurd as it may sound, I am thankful for the lonely road that God had placed before me to travel. Yes! You are absolutely reading that correctly. I AM THANKFUL FOR THE LONELINESS!

It seems like it was not until God began stripping everyone and everything away from me, that I began to get to know who Christ really was. I thought I knew him. But how? I did not spend enough time with the Lord to actually KNOW him. I did not know how deep his love for me really was either. I guess I had always known him as my Savior. I just had no idea at the time that he was also my friend, my fortress, my rock, my provider, my healer, my comforter, and my peace!!!

I mentioned earlier that the enemy was extremely busy making sure I felt every bit of my loneliness. That is because he is a liar. He lies to us, and he manipulates us to keep us from seeing the Goodness of God. And he definitely does not want us to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

Let's talk about some of the lies the enemy likes to make us believe

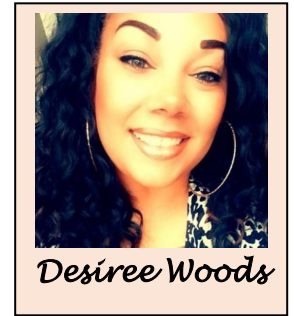
Lie: "I am alone. I am all by myself."

Truth: *"The LORD himself goes before you. He will be with you. He will never leave you or forsake you. Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged."* Deuteronomy 31:8

There are absolutely going to be times when we feel lonely. But do not fall into the trap and deception that you are ever actually alone. God is always with you. When I began to acknowledge that truth, my season of loneliness caused me to dive deeper into a relationship with God, by spending more time with him. I was able to spend more time in his word and more time in prayer. It changed how I viewed loneliness. I was able to see that this season of loneliness was really God setting special time apart for just us.

Lie: "No one could ever understand or imagine how I feel"

Truth: *"For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin"* —Hebrews 4:15



Lonely But NOT Alone cont.

During tough times, especially when we feel alone, isolated, or so far away from others, we begin to feel hopeless; like no one cares or understands. Jesus knows our pain. He has felt our pain. He has felt our sadness, our temptations, our desperation. Jesus suffered too.

But he has come to offer us hope and freedom from the burdens that we carry. He has come to give us LIFE!

Lie: These feelings will never go away.

Truth: *“The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” Psalm 34:18*

I used to think I needed friends, family or even co-workers around me for my feelings of sadness and loneliness to disappear. If people were around, I felt seen. I felt wanted. But I still had to deal with this gut-wrenching feeling when I went home, and it was just me behind those four walls. I quickly began to see that people were not the solution. See, Jesus did not just come to “hang out” for a while. Jesus came to heal. The Greek word for heal is *“aphiesi,”* which means “to set free or to loosen from the detrimental effects of a shattered life.” When we are lonely, we feel just a bit broken on the inside. Jesus came to help.

These are just a few of the lies that the enemy likes to use to keep us in that deep dark pit with him. But God is not one to lie, nor change his mind. The truth is in his word. He has not just given us promises, he has given us “exceedingly great and precious promises.” His promises speak to exactly who he is, and how much he cares for us.

Moral of the story:

You may feel lonely, but you are not alone. God is there with you.
Jesus understands what you are going through.
Healing is available.

Would you pray this prayer with me?

Dear God,

I want to thank you for the special time that you have set aside for just you and me. Please help me to remember that though the world may reject me, forget me, or be unavailable to me, YOU, God, will never leave me or forsake me. Help me to use this time to draw close to you. I want to hear your voice. I desire an unshakable relationship with you Lord. No matter the circumstances I face, I will call upon your holy name. I reject the lies the enemy has tried to use against me, and I receive all the love you have to give, dear God. Help me to keep my thoughts on you today, tomorrow, and always.

In Jesus name, Amen.

Closing Words –You Are Called To Be a Light

Matthew 5:14-16 *“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*



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Our world has become very dark and disheartening for the Christian community. We see more and more where evil, ungodliness, and immorality have taken over society. This new culture has become so common that we barely see it as wrong anymore. It has become the “new normal”. The world needs people like you to be a beacon who will guide them out of the darkness into God’s marvelous light.

Our scripture starts by saying “You **are** the light of the world”. It didn’t say you *may* be, *would* be, *could* be; or *should* be. It says you **are**. That is a straightforward declaration by Jesus about your identity. I have to back up and give you some context. When Jesus said this, he was on the side of a mountain giving his famous “Sermon on the Mount”. He probably went up the side of the mountain because a crowd of people was following him, and he wanted to be able to see them all. They were following him because he had gone from town-to-town preaching, healing, and casting out demons. This large crowd was made of everyday, ordinary people like you and me. He was not preaching in the big universities, or in the rich neighborhoods, or to the super religious. He preached to regular people. So, when he says, “**You are...**”. He means you and me.

The light he is talking about is the godly character we inherited from the Holy Spirit by being his followers. We should reflect His holiness, righteousness, love, forgiveness, and mercy. Light is, what it is. It is bright, it dispels darkness, and it allows people to clearly see what they are doing and where they are going.

Our scripture goes on to tell us we should not hide our light, but instead let it shine for all to see. And the end purpose is for God to be glorified. Not us, but God. When we let our light shine, we are pointing people back to the source of the light: God.

You may be saying, “I don’t feel like my light is bright enough”. Maybe not, but it’s still a light. Everyone’s light can’t be as bright as the sun. Everyone cannot touch hundreds of thousands of people like Oral Roberts or T.D. Jakes. Maybe your light is a lighthouse guiding people out of a storm at night. Maybe your light is a chandelier that brightens up a very large area. Your area could be your family or neighborhood. Maybe your light is like a flashlight. Flashlights are used in emergency situations like when someone’s power is off. You could be an emergency light for someone who feels powerless. Or maybe you are a candle that provides a warm and comforting glow to someone who simply needs a break from a stressful situation.

Takeaways: You **are** a light. Your light **must be seen**. Your light must **always glorify God**.



Habakkuk 2:2 ESV

And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it."

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Changing the World One Life at a Time



Just For Laughs!

A scientist went to God and said triumphantly, “We’ve worked out how to make a man without you.”

God laughed and said, “Okay then, show me. Go ahead...”

So the scientist bent down and picked up a handful of dirt but God stopped him.

“Oh no you don’t.” said God. “Get your own dirt.”

I was in church with my friend last Christmas Day and as we walked out the preacher was as usual standing by the exit shaking hands as people left. As he shook my friend’s hand, he took him to one side and said to him, “You need to join the Army of the Lord, my son.”

My friend said, “But I’m already in the Army of the Lord.”

The preacher said to him, “Then why do I never see you in Church save for Easter and Christmas?”

My friend replied, “I’m in the secret service.”

A preacher arrives in a small town in order to preach a sermon, but he’s early and with some time to spare he wants to mail a letter. He can’t find the post office, so he asks a young boy where it is. The boy shows him, after which the preacher thanks him and says to him, “If you come to the church this evening, you’ll be able to hear me telling people how to get to heaven.”

The boy replies, “It’s ok thanks, I think I’ll pass. You don’t even know your way to the post office.”



Word Search

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



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| CATHOLIC | MARK | PROPHECY |
| CHRISTIANITY | MATTHEW | PROTESTANT |
| CREEDS | MESSIAH | RESURRECTION |
| CROSS | MONOTHEISTIC | SALVATION |
| GOSPEL | NAZARETH | SCRIPTURES |
| JESUS | NEW TESTAMENT | TRINITY |

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