

Bible Trivia

12/22/2022

Luke's gospel (Luke 1:13-20) tells us that the priest Zacharias did not believe the angel Gabriel's announcement that Elizabeth would bear a son because she was:

- a. A virgin**
- b. Not born yet**
- c. Old**
- d. A Gentile**

Answer: C

12/15/2022

How many Magi were there according to the birth story?

- A. Two**
- B. Three**
- C. Four**
- D. Who knows?**

Answer: D

The three gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh gave rise to the legend that there were three. By the way, they were not Kings! And they did not come on the night of the birth, but several months later....

12/8/2022

In which Gospel are the Magi mentioned?

- A. Matthew**

- B. Mark**
- C. Luke**
- D. John**

Answer: A

Here's a hint: Magi and Matthew both start with the letter 'M'. This also means that the slaying of the children by Herod's orders only occurred in Matthew.

12/1/2022

According to Matthew 2:1, Jesus was born in:

- A. Bethlehem of Judea**
- B. Bethlehem of Zebulun**
- C. Nazareth**
- D. Jerusalem**

Answer: A

11/24/2022

According to Luke 23:12, Jesus became the indirect instrument that made Herod and Pilate become:

- A. Enemies**
- B. Friends**
- C. Acquaintances**
- D. Rivals**

Answer: B

11/17/2022

In how many of the gospels is the word ‘church’ mentioned by Jesus?

- A. One Gospel**
- B. Two Gospels**
- C. Three Gospels**
- D. All four Gospels**

Answer: A Only in Matthew does Jesus make reference to ‘Church.’ See Mt 16:18 and 18:17. This is ironic, because Matthew’s Gospel was written AFTER much of Paul’s writings and Paul makes frequent reference to ‘church.’

11/10/2022

From Luke 21:19, when Jesus said, “But there shall not a hair of your head perish,” he was speaking:

- A. Literally**
- B. Figuratively**
- C. In hyperbola**
- D. Paradoxically**

Answer: B

11/3/2022

According to Hebrews 12:1, we are to run with perseverance

- A. Because of our spiritual training**

- B. The race marked out before us**
- C. To avoid temptation**
- D. Knowing that God is at the finish line**

Answer: B

10/27/2022

According to Acts 8:27, Candace was:

- A. Queen of the Ethiopians**
- B. A daughter of Simon**
- C. A high priestess of Egypt**
- D. A town in Galilee**

Answer: A

10/20/2022

In 1 John 4:8, “God,” wrote John “Is ...

- A. Majesty**
- B. Omnipotence**
- C. Love**
- D. Forgiveness**

If you paid attention to Pastor Adam’s last sermon, you would know the answer...

Answer: C

10/13/2022

We read in Ephesians 3:4-6, the fact that the gentiles are fellow heirs was, to earlier generations,

- A. Not known**
- B. Known but ignored**
- C. Known but misinterpreted**
- D. Known and admitted**

Answer: A

10/6/2022

The Pharisee Gamallel persuaded his fellow councilmen not to kill the disciples, on the argument that (Acts 5:33-40):

- A. They did not want to create an atmosphere of martyrdom.**
- B. Jesus was indeed the messiah.**
- C. They would be killed by the enraged crowds.**
- D. If the disciples' work was of men, it would die by itself. If it was of God, it would not fail.**

Bonus question: Who was the famous student of Gamallel?

Answer: D

Bonus Answer: Saul of Tarsus – and Saul did not follow Gamallel's advice.

9/29/2022

According to The Acts of the Apostles, after the resurrection, Jesus appeared to his followers for:

- A. Three days**
- B. Twenty days**
- C. Thirty-five days**
- D. Forty days**

Answer: D

9/22/2022

(Luke 14:28)

Jesus said: “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?” This is reference to the decision to:

- A. Give a dinner or a banquet**
- B. Emigrate to another country**
- C. Become a disciple of Jesus**
- D. Start warfare against Herod**

Answer: C

8/26/2022

To his own question, “Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower of Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?”

Jesus answered (Luke 13:4-5): See answer and explanation...

- A. No**
- B. Yes**
- C. Perhaps**
- D. There is no way to tell**

Answer: A - Jesus continues, “But unless you repent, you too will all perish.” In ancient times it was often assumed that tragedy hit those who were extremely sinful. Jesus is telling the crowds that tragedy is not necessarily a result of sin. It’s not a matter of someone ‘getting what they deserve!’ *Post hoc ergo propter hoc*. (after this, therefore because of this.)

8/18/2022

When you are invited to a banquet, go and sit at the lowest place so that you may (Luke 14:7-11):

- A. Not appear too covetous of the bride.**
- B. Leave early without disturbing others.**
- C. Allow the lowly to be seated above their expectations.**
- D. Avoid the shame of being moved down and having the chance to be moved up.**

Answer: D

8/11/2022

In Luke 12:51, Jesus said, “Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division.” He was saying...

- A. Nations will be divided.**
- B. Food will be shared.**
- C. Believers will be distinguished from non-believers.**
- D. The NFL will then have not two but three divisions.**

Answer: C

8/4/2022

Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, (Luke 12:35):

- A. so that the light may shine on all in the room.**
- B. like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet,**
- C. for there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.**
- D. because the master will be expecting you to watch.**

Answer: B

7/28/2022

Jesus' parable of the rich man who would build greater barns to store his excess produce showed how fruitless was this plan, because (Luke 12:16-21):

- A. Each greater one excites a desire for one still greater.**
- B. Many more smaller barns spread the risk.**
- C. Rich men copy each other.**
- D. He would not live to enjoy his produce.**

Answer: D

7/21/2022

The man left beaten by the road from Jerusalem to Jericho was helped by the Good Samaritan only after he was ignored by (Luke 10:30-37):

- A. One passerby**
- B. Two passersby**
- C. Three passersby**
- D. Fourteen passersby**

Answer: B

7/14/2022

“Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things,” said Jesus in: (Luke 10:38-42)

- A. Sympathy**
- B. Friendly curiosity**
- C. Mild reproof**
- D. Severe judgement**

Answer: C

7/7/2022

Jesus said, “Cast not your pearls before swine, lest they” (Matthew 7:6)

- A. Flee in fear**
- B. Trample the pearls and then turn and attack you**
- C. Gulp them as common food**
- D. Exhibit gross indifference**

Answer: B

6/30/2022

“Ye are the light of the world.” Jesus said this to the disciples, warning against (Matthew 5:14-16):

- A. Blinding others with displays of power.**
- B. Believing that others too have light.**
- C. Hiding their light under a bushel.**
- D. Assuming that all others will agree.**

Answer: C

6/23/2022

**According to the Book of Acts, Jesus appeared to the apostles, after his resurrection, for:
(Acts 1:3)**

- A. Three days**
- B. Twenty days**
- C. Thirty-five days**
- D. Forty days**

Answer: D

6/16/2022

The beginning of knowledge is (Proverbs 1:7):

- A. The words of the wise**
- B. Justice, judgement, and equity**
- C. The fear of the Lord**

D. The instruction of the father

Answer: C. Question for you... is it really fear as in fear of something that goes bump in the night, or something else? What does fear of the Lord mean to you?

6/9/2022

Jesus left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum, when he (Matthew 4: 12-13):

- A. Was reminded of the prophecy by Isaiah**
- B. Was dared by the devil to do so**
- C. Thought he should be on the shores of Galilee**
- D. Heard that John was in prison.**

Answer: A and D

6/2/2022

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught that (Matthew 5:1-11):

- A. Blessed are the meek, for they shall see God.**
- B. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be called the children of God.**
- C. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for they shall inherit the earth.**
- D. Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Answer: D

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

5/26/2022

Paul and Silas were in prison because of a fortune-telling slave girl. An earthquake shook the jail and they managed to escape. (Acts 16:16-34)

What is wrong with this statement?

- A. It was not an earthquake but rather a flood.**
- B. It was not a slave girl but a witch.**
- C. They did not escape, but stayed there and reassured the jailer.**
- D. They took the jailer with them.**

Answer: C

5/19/2022

Jesus said, "For many are called, but few are chosen." He said this as a concluding remark to which parable?

- A. Vineyard tenets**
- B. Vineyard laborers**
- C. Marriage feast**
- D. Two sons**

Answer: C

5/12/2022

Paul had a vision of a large sheet containing various beasts which the Jews considered unclean. Where was Paul when this vision occurred? (Acts 11:1-18)

- A. Caesarea**
- B. Joppa**
- C. Antioch**
- D. Bethany**

Answer: B

5/5/2022

Philip and the Ethiopian were riding in the chariot from Jerusalem toward Gaza. Philip was explaining verses from Isaiah and they stopped along the road. Why did they stop? (Acts 9:38)

- A. The horses were tired.**
- B. The chariot was too noisy and bumpy and interfered with their discussion.**
- C. They had come to a point where Philip had to go a different way.**
- D. The Ethiopian wanted to be baptized.**
- E. All of the above.**

Answer: D

4/28/2022

After Saul's encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus, he spent three days in whose house, on what street?

- A. Phoebe's house on Antiochus Street.**
- B. Ananias' house on Portia Street.**
- C. Judas' house on Straight Street.**
- D. Miriam's house on Maria Street**

Answer: C

4/21/2022

Peter and the apostles were brought before the Sanhedrin after the resurrection because:

(Acts 5: 27-32)

- A. They wanted to keep the apostles safe from the mob.**
- B. The apostles were not following strict rules about eating unclean food.**
- C. The Sanhedrin suspected the apostles had hidden Jesus' body.**
- D. The apostles were teaching Jesus' word in spite of the Sanhedrin telling them not to.**

Answer: D

4/14/2022

On the cross, Jesus said, “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” What was the original source of these words?

- A. Psalm 23
- B. Psalm 22
- C. Isaiah 55
- D. Exodus 25

Answer: B

4/7/2022

(John 8:31-36)

“And the truth shall set you free,” said Jesus, meaning free from:

- A. the rule of Herod
- B. misconceptions of Jesus’ role
- C. servitude to sin
- D. the dictates of the Old Testament

Answer: C

3/31/2022

Six days before Passover, Jesus was reclining at dinner while his feet were anointed. This event happened (John 12:1-3):

- A. At the house of Peter's mother-in-law**
- B. At his home in Nazareth**
- C. In Bethany at the home of Lazarus**
- D. In Jericho at the home of Zacchaeus**

Answer: C

3/24/2022

How many women named Mary are there in the New Testament? Can you name them?

Answer: Six

1. Mother of Jesus
2. Magdalene
3. Mother of James and John
4. Sister of Martha
5. Mother of John Mark
6. Wife of Clopas

3/17/2022

(John 10:11)

A good shepherd, Jesus said, will be so:

- A. adored by his sheep that they will lay down their life for him.
- B. concerned for his sheep that he will lay down his life for them.
- C. united with his sheep that they both will die together.
- D. skillful that neither he nor his sheep will have to die.

Answer: B

3/10/2022

Jesus said, "...how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings."

He was speaking of:

- 1. Bethlehem**
- 2. Nazareth**
- 3. Jerusalem**
- 4. Dumfries**

Answer: #3. (Luke 13: 34)

3/3/2022

Sarah's laughter at the announcement that she would have a son was followed by:

- 1. Laughter from God**
- 2. Laughter from Abraham**
- 3. Laughter from bystanders**
- 4. A dispute with God over whether she had laughed**
(See Genesis 18:9-15)

Answer: #4. The ensuing brief debate focused on the fact that with God anything is possible. The laughter also gave the parents a hint as to how to name the boy.

2/24/2022

Where were the disciples of Jesus first called Christians?

Answer: Antioch. (Acts 11:26)

2/17/2022

At the time of census conducted by Moses in the first chapter of Numbers, which of the twelve tribes of Israel was the smallest?

Answer: Manessah

2/10/22

According to Matthew 5:46, Jesus said you are doing no more than do publicans and tax collectors if you:

- A. Salute only your superiors
- B. Love only those who love you
- C. Lend only to those who lend to you
- D. Give only to beggars
- E. Answer: B Love only those who love you

2/3/22

According to the Spirit, in the latter times, what will some people not do?

- A. Depart from their faith**
- B. Speak lies**
- C. Seek godliness**
- D. Forbid to marry**
- E. Listen to deceiving spirits**

Answer: C Seek godliness

According to the Spirit, in the latter times, some people will not seek godliness.

Explanation: The Spirit says that some will not obey Christ.

Reference: 1 Timothy Chapter 4

1/27/22

Jesus said that many are called but few are _____.

Answer: chosen

Jesus said that many are called but few are chosen.

Reference: Matthew 22:1-14 “The Parable of the Wedding Feast”

The word “calling” is used several times throughout the Bible, in different contexts. In this instance Jesus is using the word “called” as an invitation. This parable is an analogy of what we have been invited to. An invitation to something more than a life lived serving only ourselves. An invitation to live a life together with Christ, serving God and experiencing the fulfillment that brings to life. An invitation to be Jesus’ disciples, to follow in His footsteps. And ultimately, an invitation to spend eternity with Him!

1/20/22

Jesus is our true priest and king. Who was the other priest king in the Bible?

Answer: Melchizedek.

Melchizedek appears to Abram in Genesis 14:18-20 as BOTH priest and king. Hebrews 7:2 translates the name Melchizedek as “**king of righteousness**” and Salem as “**peace**” so that Melchizedek is made to foreshadow Christ, stated to be the true king of righteousness and peace. Of course, Jesus fulfills both roles as the **true** Priest and **true** King.

1/13/22

Retracing her steps to the land of Judah ten years later, Naomi urged her daughters-in-law to stay in Moab for what reason? (Ruth 1:7-13)

- a. be sure of enough food.**
- b. obtain husbands.**
- c. avoid kidnapping along the way**
- d. free herself of quarrelsome daughters-in-law**

Answer: B - This answer takes care of the other three!!

1/6/2022

Who is Stephen in Acts of the Apostles?

Answer: He was the first Christian martyr. He was also among the first deacons. Saul of Tarsus (later known as the Apostle Paul) watched as Stephen was stoned to death

12/30/2021

What is the shortest book in the bible? How many chapters and verses does it contain?

Answer: The shortest book is 3 John with only 14 verses and no chapter divisions. The letter is focused on those who treat church as though it were a human possession to be used as a political tool.

12/23/2021

Did you know there were two villages in ancient Palestine called Bethlehem? Which one was Jesus born in and what was the other one?

Answer: Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, not Bethlehem of Zebulun (Joshua 19:15; Judges 12:8,10). The latter was about 7 miles NW of Nazareth and was later re-named Beit Lahm. (See footnotes in NIV Study Bible)

12/16/2021

How many books are in the Old Testament? New Testament?

Answer: 39 in the OT and 27 in the NT. Here's how to remember.... Think of the equation, $3 \times 9 = 27$. Something to think about.

12/9/2021

The twelve apostles included (Matthew 10:2-4)

- A. two brothers**
- B. two sets of two brothers.**
- C. three brothers**
- D. three sets of two brothers**

Answer - B - two sets of two brothers - James and John, Peter and Andrew

12/2/2021

Which gospel is called the "I am" gospel?

Answer - John (this phrase is mentioned 29 times in John and only six in the other three)