

Children's Corner

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John 5:39, **“Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of Me.”**

Why should we read and study the Bible?



This is why. “They are they which testify of Me.” Jesus is found in the Bible, in both the Old and the New Testament.

The word “testify” means “to give evidence”, “to tell what you know”. In the Bible, we are taught what we need to know about Jesus.



Timothy had grown up in Ephesus, a Greek city. His father was a heathen, an unbeliever. But his mother, Eunice, was a true believer. His grandmother, Lois, also was a faithful child of God.

They loved God. Earnestly they looked forward to the coming of the Promised Saviour. They showed their love for God by teaching Timothy the way to salvation.

Paul said to Timothy: **“And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” 2 Tim. 3:15.**

Notice the word “child”. The Greek is “*brephos*”, which means infant, baby. So even when he was a little baby, he was taught the Word of God.

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And what did the Word do for Timothy? What does the Word do for us today?

The Bible is **“able to make us wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”**

The Word of God is able to make us *“wise unto salvation”*. This expression means the Bible instructs us. Its instructions give understanding of true wisdom.

Through the Law we are shown our sin. The Gospel message has the power to work faith in Christ.

Romans 1:16 teaches us that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation.



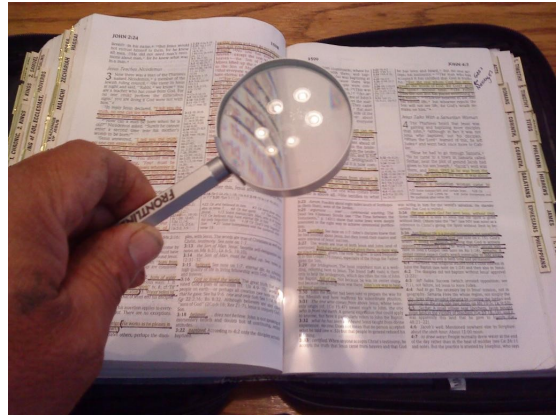
“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation.”

Once a person has been brought to faith in Jesus, how should they continue to use the Bible?

Paul continues: **“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”**

The Bible is of value for:

- (1). Doctrine, or teaching;
- (2). Reproof, to show us error and to keep us from sin;
- (3). Correction, setting people right again after they have fallen;
- (4). Instruction in righteousness, teaching us how to live a God-pleasing life.



May we all search the Scriptures. May we all regularly read passages of the Bible. May we all stop and carefully think about what we read. May we particularly be dutiful to follow what God teaches us.

The devil hates it when we study the Bible. He will try to distract us. He will try to get us to do other things. But may we always remember the blessing of Jesus:

“Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.” Luke 11:28.

*“Search the Scripture's precious store
As a miner digs for ore;
Search, and you will surely find
Treasures to enrich your mind.”*

(TJW)

GOLDEN TEXT:

Where I am, there shall also my servant be. John 12:26

Christ's Ascension

Matt 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; Acts 1.



The Parting Charge - Jesus had commanded the eleven disciples to go into a mountain in Galilee. There Jesus came to them, and when they saw Him, they worshipped Him. And Jesus spoke to them, saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned."

The Spirit Promised - Jesus showed Himself alive after His suffering and death so many times and in so many ways that it is impossible to doubt His resurrection. For forty days He appeared to His Disciples speaking to them about the kingdom of God. He commanded them that they should go back to Jerusalem, and not leave that city, but wait for the Father to fulfil His promise about which He had told them. He said,

"John truly baptized with water ; but you shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence, from now. After the Holy Ghost is come upon you, you shall receive power; and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth".

The Ascension.-We come now to that part of the story that tells us how Jesus withdrew His bodily presence from His disciples. He led them from Jerusalem as far as to Bethany, and lifted up His hands and blessed them. And it came to pass while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven while they look on, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. And while they stood looking towards heaven as He went up, behold two men stood by them in white garments; these men were angels who said, "Ye men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven shall come back in the same way as you have seen him go into heaven." And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, with great joy. And they were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.

Dear Children - Having finished His work of redemption, Jesus again entered into His glory in Heaven which He had left to become the Saviour of man. Two points we most remember from this lesson. First, Jesus commanded His disciples to go and teach all peoples on earth the glorious news that He saved them from sin, death, and the devil. That is His great mission command. We must do that too, for we also are His disciples. Secondly, the words of Jesus in the Golden Text tell us that we also shall follow Jesus into heaven, for where Jesus is, there shall also His servants be, and since we are His

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children and followers, we are His servants, and as such, we shall go to heaven to be with Jesus, when the Lord grants us a blessed end.

Questions.

1. To what country did the disciples go?
2. Where did Jesus appear to them?
3. What did they do when they saw Him?
4. What power, did Jesus say, was given to Him?
5. What did He command them to do?
6. What were they to teach people to observe?
7. What did He promise them?
8. Who shall be saved?
9. Who shall be damned?
10. Why is it not possible to doubt the resurrection?
11. During how many days did Jesus show Himself to His disciples?
12. Of what things did He speak to them?
13. At what place were they to remain?
14. What were they to await?
15. With what were they to be baptized?
16. What would they then receive?
17. In how many places were they to bear witness of Christ?
18. From which place did Jesus then lead His disciples?
19. How far did they go?
20. What did he then do?
21. What happened as He blessed them?
22. Where was He carried?
23. Who saw this happen?
24. What hid Him from their sight?
25. Who came to them as they gazed towards heaven?
26. How were the angels clothed?
27. What did they say?
28. What did the disciples then do?
29. To what place did they return?
30. How did they return?
31. In what place were they continually?
32. What did they do in the temple?

Notes on the lesson

1. The fact that Christ ascended to heaven does not mean that He is no longer on earth. It means that He again entered into His divine glory and majesty, and power, His human nature now sharing in all things with His divine nature. He is not confined to any particular place at one time, but is everywhere, And so He is also with us wherever we may be.

2. Christ's great mission command is one of the places in the Bible where we are clearly taught that there are three persons in the God-head: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Yet there are not three Gods, but only one. Hence we call God the Triune God, which means one God in three persons.

A Case of Dishonesty.

Richard had been working in the office nearly a month before his employer told him that he was too dishonest to work there any longer; he must either justify the high recommendations for honesty that his teachers and others had given him or else he must find a job elsewhere. Richard was stunned. He flushed crimson and swallowed hard. It was difficult to believe that he heard aright.

"Dishonest?" he said at last. "Do you mean that I am a thief?"

"Dishonesty always means theft of some kind," answered Mr. Wood. "The kind that you are guilty of is commonly called by other names, but it is dishonesty just the same."

"I don't understand."

"You will in a minute. In the four weeks that you have been here you have been late getting to work a half-dozen mornings, and several times at noon you have taken much more time than we allow for luncheon. That is taking something that does not belong to you—something that I have bought and paid for. Isn't that theft?"

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“Yes, I suppose it is,” admitted Richard, “but -”

“And not only have you stolen time that belonged to me,” continued Mr. Wood, “but you have stolen the time of others, and the attention that they should have given to their own work. For example, the superintendent tells me that you came back to him three times yesterday about finding the firm to which you were sent to deliver a small parcel. It is true that the firm has changed its place of business, but you could easily have traced it by means of the directory or the telephone book. Some might call it laziness or lack of self-reliance on your part, but I call it plain dishonesty, for you were using the time and thought of a busy fellow worker in doing what you are expected to do yourself, are perfectly able to do, and are paid to do.”

“Yes, I see,” admitted Richard again.

“Once I left you here to file some papers and close the office at night,” continued Mr. Wood. “The next morning I found the door of the vault wide open. That was more than carelessness, more than neglect to obey orders. It was an offer to help any thief who might have come along that night. It was the misuse of valuable things that did not belong to you. “I might mention other instances, but these will show what I mean, when I say that you have not been honest since you have been working here—honest with yourself or honest with me. But I am going to give you a

trial for another month. See if you cannot live up to those recommendations of honesty that you brought when I hired you.”



His tone was gentle and his smile friendly as he laid his hand on Richard’s shoulder; and the boy thanked him. “I think that I understand,” he said, “and I’ll try to be honest in the biggest and broadest sense of the term.”

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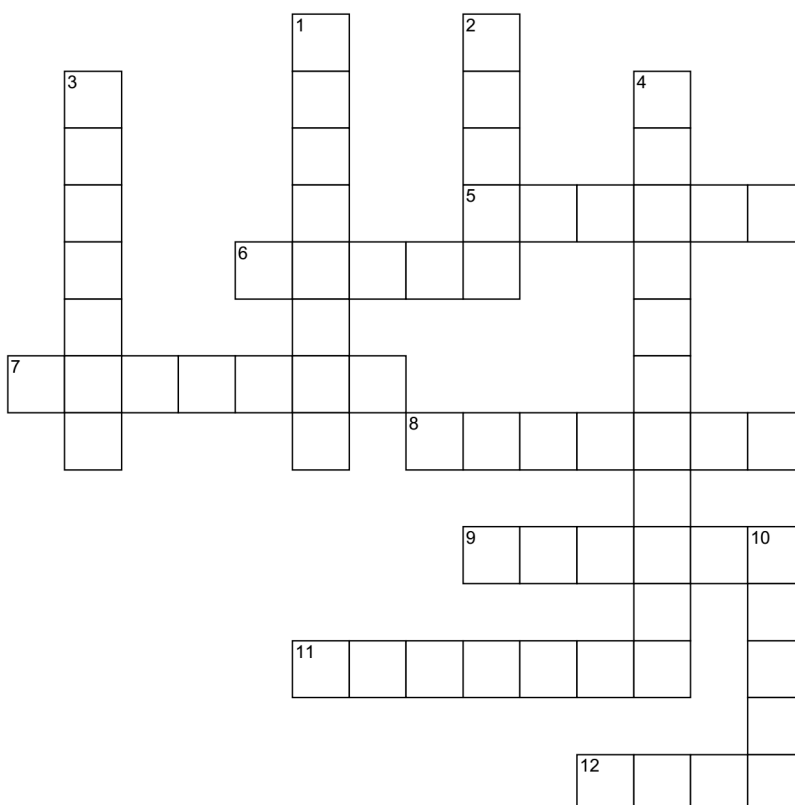
Colour the picture
Jesus shows Himself to
Mary Magdalene

PUZZLES



The 12 Apostles Crossword

Solve the crossword with the scrambled words (Luke 6:12-16)



ACROSS

- 5 (waenrd)
- 6 (saemj)
- 7 Simon (uosltez)
- 8 (liphilp)
- 9 (somath)
- 11 (aemtwth)
- 12 (hjno)

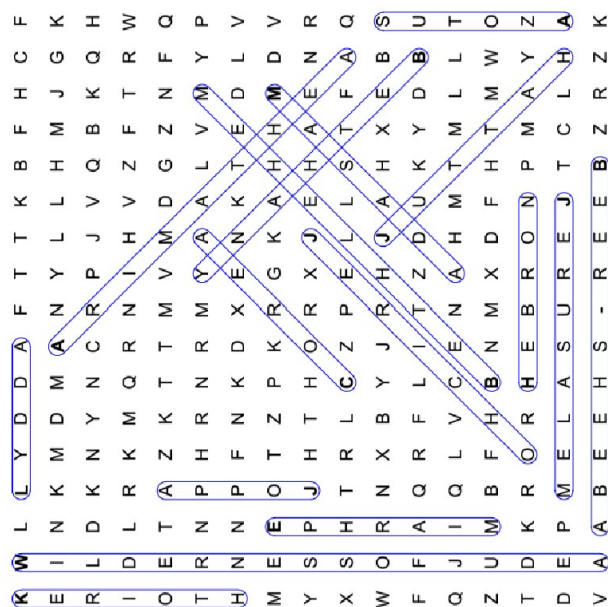
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- 1 "James son of (seaphlau)"
- 2 "(suajd) Iscariot"
- 3 "(ebrhtro) of James"
- 4 (mthaooeblwr)
- 10 (nmsio) Peter

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Answers to Previous Childrens Corner Word Search



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