Ready to Answer

SCRIPTURE SEARCH CHALLENGE · FILL IN THE BLANKS

> *"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;"* **1 Peter 3:15 (NKJV)**

Faith that rests on evidence. Open your Bible (NKJV) to each verse and write the missing word in the boxes. Then read the shaded letters from top to bottom to find a 12-letter word the Bible uses for the people who saw it all for themselves.

1. **Acts 17:11** "received the word with all readiness, and _____ the Scriptures daily"
2. **1 Peter 3:15** "always be _____ to give a defense to everyone who asks you"
3. **Acts 26:25** "but speak the words of truth and _____"
4. **Col. 4:6** "that you may know how you ought to _____ each one"
5. **Acts 1:3** "presented Himself alive after His suffering by many _____ proofs"
6. **1 Thess. 5:21** "_____ all things; hold fast what is good"
7. **Acts 26:26** "since this thing was not done in a _____"
8. **Phil. 1:17** "knowing that I am appointed for the _____ of the gospel"
9. **1 Cor. 15:6** "He was _____ by over five hundred brethren at once"
10. **Acts 17:3** "explaining and _____ that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead"
11. **Luke 1:4** "that you may know the _____ of those things in which you were instructed"
12. **Rom. 1:20** "so that they are without _____"

HIDDEN ANSWER: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

BONUS SEARCH · Peter used the hidden word for himself and the other apostles. Find that verse in 2 Peter 1. Then find the verse in Luke 1 that uses the same word.

FIRST CHALLENGE! Answers and the bonus will be in next week's bulletin.
Want to talk it over? Text **918-550-2246**.

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WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ **WORSHIP** — a time of worship, teaching, and fellowship.
- ✓ **SINGING** together, without instruments (Eph 5:19).
- ✓ **LORD'S SUPPER** shared every Sunday (Acts 20:7).
- ✓ **GIVING** — we give cheerfully (1 Cor 16:2).
- ✓ **BIBLE TEACHING** — the Bible is our only guide.

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WORSHIP	Sundays · 11:00 AM
BIBLE STUDY	Wednesdays · 7:00 PM
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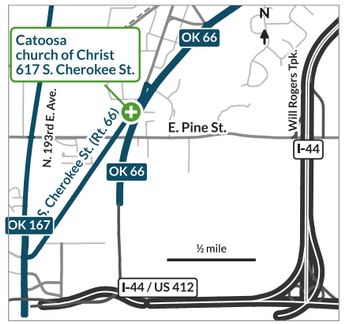
We welcome anyone to visit so we can get to know you!



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Sun 10:00 & 11:00 AM
Wed 7:00 PM

Meeting ID: **840 160 0170**
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Link: **is.gd/NV8PsM**

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"The churches of Christ greet you." — Romans 16:16 (NKJV)

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WELCOME — WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Thank you for worshiping with us today! Join us in a journey of faith and loving service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We welcome anyone to visit so we can get to know you. If you are our guest, please scan the QR code to fill out our digital guest card and take this bulletin home with you.

SCAN TO SIGN OUR GUEST BOOK

VERSE OF THE WEEK · *"Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little."* **Luke 7:47 (NKJV)**

WHO IS JESUS?

If He Were a Prophet...

by Kyle Butt

The gospel accounts paint a picture of the character of Jesus unrivaled by any other personality in human history. On one memorable occasion, Jesus was invited to eat with a Pharisee named Simon (Luke 7:36-50). During his stay, a woman who was known in the area for her sinful lifestyle approached Jesus. She proceeded to wash His feet with her tears, dry them with her hair, and anoint Jesus with fragrant oil.

Simon, seeing the sinful woman's behavior, said to himself, "This man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner" (Luke 7:39). Notice two important aspects of Simon's response. First, he spoke to himself. There is no indication that his thoughts were verbalized or in any way audible to those around him. Second, the criterion he set to determine whether Christ was a prophet was knowledge of the woman's sinful lifestyle.

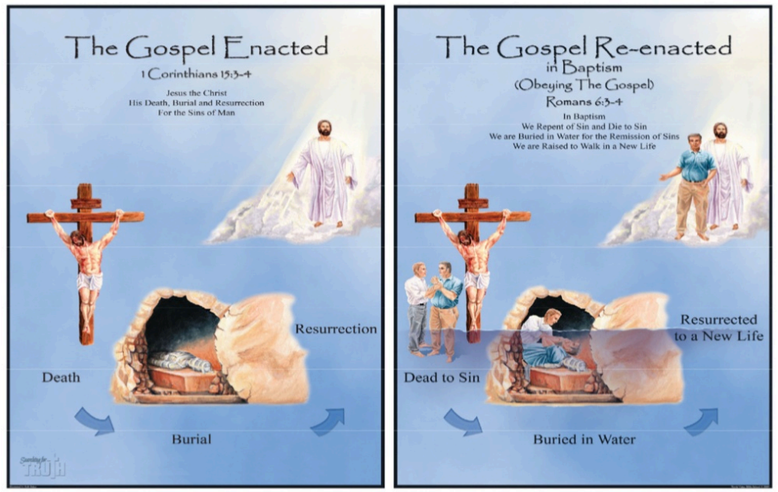
Jesus' response to Simon proved that He was far more than a prophet. He answered the Pharisee by explaining that those who have sinned much and been forgiven of their sins will love God more than those who feel they have few sins to forgive. Jesus then forgave the woman's sins. His response exhibited a knowledge, not only of the spiritual condition of the woman, but also of Simon's inner conversation with himself. Not only did Jesus know the woman was a sinner, but He knew the conversation Simon had with himself about Jesus' reaction to the woman. What did Jesus' reaction prove? It should have proved to Simon that Jesus was far more than a prophet. When Jesus forgave the woman's sins, He proved that He was God in the flesh.

The modern application of this story is profound. Jesus has exhibited far more evidence validating His deity than any reasonable person could demand. His life was prophesied in minute detail hundreds of years before He was born, He accomplished miracles that supported the prophesies, He foretold His own death and resurrection, He showed Himself alive to many witnesses after His resurrection, and ascended to Heaven in the sight of many witnesses as the culmination of His earthly ministry. The honest, reasonable response to Jesus' personality and power is perfectly summarized in Nathanael's reaction to Jesus' miraculous knowledge. After Jesus explained to Nathanael that He had miraculously seen Nathanael under the fig tree, Nathanael exclaimed: "Rabbi, You are the Son of God" (John 1:49)!

Article by Kyle Butt (text unaltered). **Reprinted from Apologetics Press,** https://apologeticspress.org/if-he-were-a-prophet-2170/

The Gospel — and How We Obey It

1 Corinthians 15:3–4 · Romans 6:3–4



(Chart from World Video Bible School, wvbs.org)

YOU CAN BE SAVED — WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

Salvation is found with faith in Jesus, repenting of sins, confession, baptism into Christ, and remaining faithful.

1. **HEAR** *"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."* Romans 10:17
2. **BELIEVE** *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."* John 3:16
3. **REPENT** *"unless you repent you will all likewise perish."* Luke 13:3
4. **CONFESS** *"with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."* Romans 10:10
5. **BE BAPTIZED** *"He who believes and is baptized will be saved"* Mark 16:16 · *"Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins"* Acts 2:38
6. **REMAIN FAITHFUL** *"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."* Revelation 2:10

Scripture quotations: New King James Version (NKJV)

Free Bible Study — just ask!

Have questions about God, the Bible, or what it means to become a Christian? We would love to study the Bible with you, one-on-one, at your own pace — no cost and no pressure. In your home, at the building, on Zoom, or by phone.

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OUR MOTIVATION. We have a deep love for God and a sincere care for all people. Love is the mark of true followers and the foundation of all service. (Jn 13:33–34; 1 Cor 13:1–8)

OUR STANDARD. We believe the Bible is the only guide for our faith and actions. It is the foundation for everything we teach and do. (2 Tim 3:16–17; 1 Pet 4:11; Col 3:17; Rev 22:18–19)

THE WORK. The mission of Christ's church is threefold: share the message of Jesus, support each other in faith, and serve others with love. (Mk 16:15–16; Rom 14:19; James 1:27)

TRUE UNITY. We embrace Biblical New Testament Christianity, which can unite all Christians as one Body in Christ. (1 Cor 1:10; Eph 4:4–6)

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS RECAP

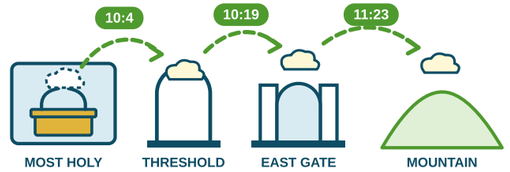
NKJV

Ezekiel 10 — The Departure of the Glory of God

KEY THEME

God's glory leaves the temple, and judgment follows.

Judah traded God's glory for idols, so the glory left the temple in stages. Nebuchadnezzar burned Jerusalem six years later (2 Kings 25:9).



10:4 KEY VERSE — *"Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, and paused over the threshold of the temple"* Ezekiel 10:4

Seven Main Points

1 WHAT IS GOD'S GLORY?
One word for all that God is. God is named 32 times in Genesis 1.
"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

2 GLORY IN CREATION AND THE FALL
Genesis 1–2 shows every trait but wrath (no sin yet). Genesis 3:6 ruined that world.
"she took of its fruit and ate" Genesis 3:6

3 GLORY IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY
From the flood and Sinai to the temple and Isaiah's vision.
"the whole earth is full of His glory!" Isaiah 6:3

4 WHY A RIGHT VIEW MATTERS
Without Scripture, man makes a god like himself. Seeing God rightly restrains sin.
"You thought that I was altogether like you" Psalm 50:21

5 GLORY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
Seen in Christ's birth, miracles, resurrection, and return.
"we beheld His glory" John 1:14

6 THE GLORY DEPARTS
Threshold (10:4), east gate (10:19), mountain (11:23). The man in linen scatters fire.
"scatter them over the city" Ezekiel 10:2

7 ACCEPT GOD'S WHOLE NATURE
His glory includes justice and wrath as well as love and mercy. A god made up in the mind is no better than Judah's idols of wood and stone.
"everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life" Matthew 25:46

IN SUMMARY · God's glory is all that He is. In Ezekiel 10 it leaves the temple as judgment falls on idolatrous Jerusalem. A right view of God accepts His love and mercy, and His justice and wrath.

Our Church Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Cathey Council
- Lesa Davis
- Tony & Ony Emery
- Carol Hodge
- Cindy Lonergan
- Hailey Phelps
- Stephen Smalley
- Diane Tiner
- Bill Whisenhunt

OUR NATION: Leaders, military, first responders — "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority" (1 Tim. 2:1–2, NKJV)

NEWS & CALENDAR

SUN 10/25: Bible class 10:00 AM · Worship 11:00 AM
WED 10/28: Bible study, 7:00 PM
SUN 11/1: Church potluck after morning worship

FOR MEMBERS

Members: scan to update your family information.