

It is the blood of Jesus that cleanses our souls from sin. But, in the Bible, a woman cleanses a man's sole using a unique, Godgiven wash towel. What was the towel made of?

A child has his lunch taken from him by a group of grown-ups, and he doesn't even get upset. What was he supposed to eat for lunch, that day?

A man reaches the top of a mountain without climbing it. What vehicle did he use to get there?

A lonely man wakes to find that, while he was sleeping, something important been taken from him. But it all things work out for the best. What did the man get in exchange for what was taken?

An elderly man is harassed by a mob until two mothers step in and bring this teasing to a halt. What was unusual about the mothers?

### God Doesn't Expect Us to Solve Riddles

### Are people, today, too smart to believe in God?

- I believe it was Karl Marx who claimed that religion was the opium of the people?
- Is Apologetics the best way to reach Atheists?

### 2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

## 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
- that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

### In what city where you born?

Could your grand parents, when they got married, have predicted you would be born in that city? That would have been predicting something 20-30 years in the future.

# Could the "founding fathers" have predicted today's America?

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- 25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!
- 26 "Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"
- 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.
  - Luke 24:25-27

- 16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.
- 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."
- 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

2 Peter 1:16-21

- 19 ¶ And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;
- 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,
- 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:16-21

- 10 ¶ Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you,
- 11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

• 1 Peter 1:10-11



### Micah 1:1

- The word of the LORD that came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.
- Jotham, 739-731 BC
- Ahaz, 731-715 BC
- Hezekiah 715-686 BC



### Micah 5:2-4

- 2"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."
- This is no normal human king... He is The One... He is from "everlasting."
- And He is going to be born in <u>Bethlehem</u>!

# • **280,000** cities at this time in history.

- Micah pegs the ONE city in 280,000.
- And it was a little "dot on the map" city!!!
- And he pegged it about 700 years in advance.

### Micah 5:2-4

- 3 Therefore He shall give them up, Until the time that she who is in labor has given birth; Then the remnant of His brethren Shall return to the children of Israel.
- 4 And He shall stand and feed His flock In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God; And they shall abide, For now He shall be great To the ends of the earth;

### Many have tried... many have failed

- Few are they who can claim that they achieved greatness "to the ends of the earth."
- None have had the impact the Jesus did.
- So much so that time has been recorded based on His birth.

## Zechariah 9:9 [486-520 BC]

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey

### John 12:12-16

- 12 The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,
- 13 took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!"

### John 12:12-16

- 14 Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:
- 15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt."
- 16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

# Zechariah had nailed it 500 years before!!! He named the city! He named the animal.

### Little known facts about a donkey

- Interestingly, every donkey has a cross on it's back.
  - •Don't read too much into that.
  - •But it is kind of poetic.

 In the Old Testament, the firstborn of ever animal had to be offered to God... except a donkey. It could be redeemed by a lamb. (cf. Exodus 13:13; 34:20)

### Zechariah 12:10

• 10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one aniana fan a fuatham

## John 19:31-37

- 31 ¶ Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.
- 32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

### John 19:31-37

- 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.
- 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.
- 35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.

# Zechariah nailed it again!!!He named the city!

- He knew Christ would be pierced.
- Another prophecy was, also, being fulfilled in that none of His bones would be broken.

# More Than 350 prophecies were fulfilled in Jesus Christ!!!

# You have the opportunity to continue fulfilling prophecy.

- Isa 53:3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.
- 4 ¶ Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.
- 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.