

Great Questions of the Bible (2)

I was going to call this article, "Not so great questions ..." but decided to leave it as it is because, this is a question you and I might ask; not in the same context, but with the same underlying thought.

God had told Moses to go to Pharaoh, "that you may bring my people, the children of Israel out of Egypt"(Exodus 3:10). But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" (Exodus 3:11).

So, there you have it. God gave Moses a command to act, and Moses' response was, "Who am I?" Have you ever felt like that? God has some thing that we need to do, and our response is, Who am I that I should do this? Sometimes we feel inadequate. We might feel unprepared. We might feel unworthy of the task. I am sure that Moses felt all of those things. He had just spent the last forty years tending sheep in the wilderness of Midian; hardly the cutting-edge academy for Pharaonic negotiators. Who am I? he cried. If I

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might be so bold — wrong question!

When Moses asked his question, God replied, "But I will be with you ..." (Exodus 3:12). Did you hear that — "I will be with you!" You see,

Moses better question to himself, when he was tasked by God, could have been, "Whose am I?"

Moses had been prepared by God from the very beginning of his life for his service for God. He was protected by the very family who had decreed that all male children born to the Hebrews should be cast into the river Nile (Exodus 1 and 2). Having been brought up in the court of Pharaoh, he was very well qualified to go to that court to plead for the release of the Israelites. But, and this is the big But — God promised Moses that, when he went to Pharaoh, he, God, would be with him.

God has promised that he will be with all Christians. His Spirit lives within us (1 Corinthians 6:19), so He is with us always.

Do not ask, "Who am I?" Ask instead, "Whose am I?" and take courage from that.

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MAY 2019



SUNDAY MORNING GOOD NEWS SERVICES

We will be studying

Acts of THE APOSTLES

Come and join us at our Good News Service at 11.15 a.m as we study some of the events, themes, and lessons from this wonderful book of the New Testament.

Mark your Diaries

In the **Spotlight**

Churches TOGETHER

This event will take place at the Tees Valley Church (TVC) on 9 June 2019, when all local congregations are invited to worship together at their evening service.

The organisers are limiting numbers and you will need a ticket to attend. Please speak to Graham to book your ticket.

Ladies Meeting

The Ladies Meetings are held on Monday afternoons between 2.30 - 3.30 pm. They are a time of fellowship, singing, prayer, and scripture, with a speaker to address the meeting. The group also take on pastoral care within the membership, and there is an annual outing at the end of June. Please speak to Pat or Pam for further details.



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Weekly Schedule

(*See the panels on the right for details)

Sunday

10.00 am — Breaking of Bread
11.15 am — Good News Service*
6.30 pm — Evening Service*

Monday

2.30 pm — Ladies Meeting*
8.00 pm — Bible Study

Tuesday

10.00 am — Carpet Bowls
6.00 pm — Carpet Bowls

Wednesday

10.00 am — Food Bank

Thursday

10.00 am — Coffee and Chat*
(*First Thursday of the month only*)
6.00 pm — Pathfinders
7.30 pm — Midweek Meeting

Friday

10.00 am — Food Bank
6.00 pm — Pathos

First Saturday of the month only

8.30 am — Prayer Meeting

Speakers

Good News Service Sunday Morning — 11.15 am

5 May — Family Service
12 May — Barry Laidler — Acts 1:6-11
19 May — Ian Jacobs — Acts 1:12-26
26 May — Graham Edwards — Acts 2:1-13

Ladies Meeting Monday — 2.30 pm

6 May — Bank Holiday
13 May — London City Mission
20 May — Joan Douglas
27 May — Bank Holiday

Just for Fun

(Answers, if you need them, next month)

1. After Jesus' resurrection, what was left in the tomb?
2. On the day of Pentecost, how many souls were added (to the church)?
3. Which is the only domestic animal not mentioned within the pages of scripture?

Answers from March:

1. The only miracle performed by Jesus that is recorded in all four gospels is The Feeding of the Five Thousand (Matthew 14:13-23, Mark 6:30-46, Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-15).
2. Matthias was chosen to replace Judas as an apostle (Acts 1:23-26).
3. They are, respectively, the First month of the Jewish Calendar (Exodus 23:15) the second month (1 Kings 6:1), and the third month of the Jewish Calendar (Esther 8:9).

Evening Service Sunday — 6.30 pm

5 May — Ian Jacobs, Hebron
12 May — London City Missioner
19 May — Colin Vine, Hebron
26 May — Stephen Fry, Darlington

Coffee & Chat Thursday 2nd - 10.00 am

Martin Peagam, The Time Traveller
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Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him (Luke 5:10b-11 (ESV)).

