

GREAT QUESTIONS OF THE BIBLE 10

“Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:2)

Wise men from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, *“Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?”* (Matthew 2:1, 2). They declared they were looking for him so that they could worship him.

Two thousand years later, that is still a good question for us to consider. *“Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?”* The one whom the wise men sought was Jesus, born to Mary and proclaimed by the angel Gabriel to be the one who will *save his people from their sins* (Matthew 1:21).

Unlike the wise men, we know how events unfolded. They sought a recently-born child, but one who was, in their understanding, destined to be king. We look to a resurrected Christ, who has ascended into heaven, and is now crowned in Glory. But we, like the wise men, look for Jesus that we might worship him as Lord.

The wise men were not Jews, they were Gentiles. Gentiles had an immediate interest in the new-born Saviour. He came to bear the sins of the world, to be

the Saviour of the world; to be not only “the Glory of his people Israel,” but also “a Light to lighten the Gentiles.” They were the leaders of a long procession of Gentiles who, drawn by grace, have sought the Lord. How many millions have followed them? Not just from the East, but in multitudes from the West, from the North, and from the South! The arrival of the wise men so soon after Jesus’ birth was the start of the millions of people, who, down the centuries, would seek to worship him also.

Even as the wise men looked for Jesus, there were those who searched for him so they could destroy him. Herod the king was looking for Jesus because he did not want to lose his own power and authority, so he wanted to kill him and remove the threat. Many people in this day and age would like to see Jesus, and the very mention of God, completely destroyed.

But, take heart, If we lift up our eyes and look around this world, there are still multitudes asking the question, *“Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?”*

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Monthly Bulletin



A Happy New Year



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Weekly Schedule

(*See the panels on the right for details of speakers)

Sunday

10.00 am -- Breaking of Bread
11.15 am -- Good News Service*
6.15 pm -- Prayer time
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
6.00 pm -- Pathfinders

Thursday

10.00 am -- Coffee and Chat*
(First Thursday of the month only)

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 New Service Sunday Morning -- 11.15 am

5 January -- Family Service
12 January -- Koen Hellendoorn -- Acts 15:36-16:5
19 January -- Graham Edwards -- Acts 16:6-15
26 January -- Barry Laidler -- Acts 16:16-40



Ladies Meeting Monday -- 2.30 pm

6 January -- Happy New Year
13 January -- Heather Gatenby
20 January -- Mavis Howe
27 January -- Pete Spence



Evening Service -- Sunday -- 6.30 pm

A Four-week Sermon Series by Colin Vine

"My Jesus, My Saviour"

5 January -- In The Image of God
12 January -- The Whole Fullness of Deity
19 January -- Raised With Christ?
26 January -- 'Tis The Season?



Coffee & Chat Thursday 9th -- 10.00 am

Naomi Kelly from the Salvation Army,



and Therapy Dog, Brengle.



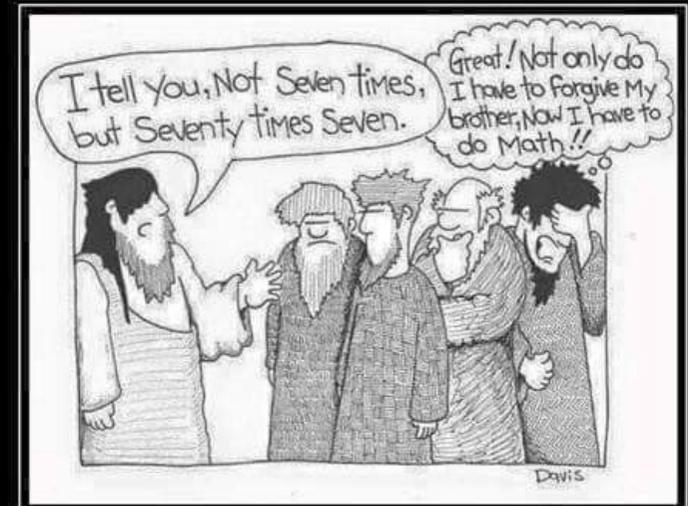
Just For Fun (Answers, if you need them, next month)

1. What time of year was the Angel Gabriel sent from God to ... Nazareth, to speak to Mary (who was betrothed to Joseph)?
2. The Angel Gabriel told Mary that they were to call their baby, Jesus. When did they officially name him?
3. Who was the baby who leapt in the womb of Elizabeth, the daughter of Zechariah, when she was told the good news by Mary?

Answers from December

1. The father of King David was **Jesse**, the Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah (1 Samuel 17:12)
2. Goliath, who was killed by David, came from **Gath** (1 Samuel 17:4).
3. King David was buried in **The city of David** (Jerusalem) (1 Kings 2:10).

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people (Proverbs 14:34).



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