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Mini Newsletter



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Scripture Memory Challenge

Luke 24:6-7 (ESV)

He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.

OUR PRAYER REQUESTS

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PLACES & EVENTS

War on Terrorism

OTHERS

Good News Club
Lost persons you know
Care Givers-esp.
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-Chapel Hill
**International students
displaced by COVID-19
crisis**

MILITARY

Our Service Men &
Women

Stain on Your Hands

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished.

And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13 (ESV)

One of the small blessings of the stay at home order has been that I have been able to do more woodworking in 2 weeks than I think I have done in about 2 years. Now to be sure I am not a carpenter or anyone who has much of any skill at all but I do like to build things from time to time and to tinker a little bit with woodworking.

My latest project was building a cradle for the wireless charger for my phone. My new phone has the ability to charge wirelessly which is wonderful but one of the chargers that I have for this will only charge the phone if it is sitting in just the right spot so I had an idea to build a cradle that would hold both the charger and phone in the right spot.

After a lot of cutting and gluing I finally got finished making the cradle. It worked great and I was very pleased with my handiwork but I wanted to go one step further so I decided to stain and coat my creation with polyurethane.



Now, anyone who has worked with any type of stain knows that it is notorious for getting on your skin and not wanting to come off. The protocol for using stain usually involves clothing that you don't mind throwing away afterward and heavy thick rubber or latex gloves that you most definitely will throw away afterward.

Well as you might have guessed I did not quite follow that protocol. I used somewhat cheap plastic gloves and tried to be careful in getting the stain on the wood instead of myself. The end result was I had hands that were about as well stained as the project I was working on. There was no mistaking what I had been doing with my time.

You know when we look at our life Jesus Christ should be like that stain. When people saw the lives and actions of Peter and John they made one assumption "they had been with Jesus."

Our relationship with Jesus Christ should be such that it changes who we are and people are able to notice the difference. In all of the New Testament when people met Jesus they were changed and the world took notice. How about you?

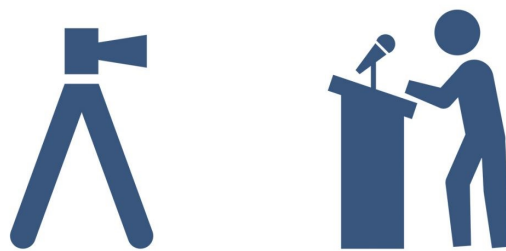
How has Jesus stained your life that people know you have been with Him. It is through the way you talk, how you treat people, or how you act at work? What about your daily routine, or how you handle forgiveness, or trials? It could be your outlook on life, the future, or even the past.

Whatever it is, I hope people are able to see the stain on your hands that Jesus has placed there that all the world will see that you have been with Jesus.

Behind the Scenes

A Look at the Video Messages of Mars Hill Baptist Church

The COVID 19 crisis has brought forth a lot of changes in our world. We shop differently, interact with one another differently, and our children go to school differently just to name a few. One of the biggest changes has been how people work. Most are now working from home via computer and video conferencing while others go into the office and avoid getting close to co-workers as best they can.



For ministers, our daily routine has changed somewhat too during this time where we have been ordered to stay at home. For me living right next to the church, getting to the office is the same as I'm able to walk over and I don't have to worry about social distancing as the church is empty. Stephanie is working from home and we talk each morning and plan what we need to do for the day. I am so grateful for her computer skills in being able to update the church's website and Facebook page in order to keep everyone informed about any happenings that are going on.

One major difference that has provided some unique challenges is the weekly messages and getting them out to everyone so I thought I might give everyone a glimpse behind the scenes of everything that goes into making the video messages and show you a little bit of what happens behind the scenes.

For the recording part of the messages, I am using my personal cell phone. I recently purchased a Galaxy Note 9 and I'm very glad I did as it records video wonderfully and has a big enough battery that I do not have to worry about it draining down while recording. I did, however, have to figure out that I needed to place the phone in airplane mode. While recording the Sunday message last week I had found that I had received a

text message halfway through the service and it had stopped the phone from recording. Needless to say, I am a little wiser now from that experience.

Some of you might have already seen the picture I posted showing off my homemade tripod for holding the phone.



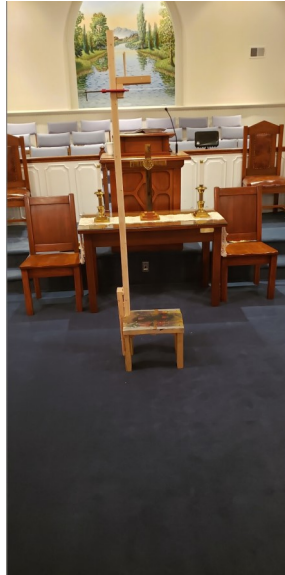
The set up came about because I needed something to hold the phone but also be able to do so fairly close to the pulpit. The apparatus is made up of an old step stool I made years ago from some scrap wood. I screwed a 2x4 onto it and made a holder for the phone with some more scrap wood which I'm able to adjust with a C-clamp. This way I can use the same stand for the Wednesday night and Sunday morning messages.

For the Sunday morning messages, I place the stand a little way in front of the pulpit in order to get a good shot of myself. This way you can see me in the video, but more importantly, the sound will be good enough for people to hear. It was kind of funny the first time we tried recording this way because I would adjust the stand and look at the picture and it would seem like it was okay and then I would run up and let Allison look at the shot and she would say, no your head is cut off. Needless to say, there was a little bit of a learning curve in setting things up.

Probably the biggest struggle in recording the messages is the fact that the sanctuary is empty. When I sometimes practice preaching my message in the office or in the sanctuary early on a Sunday morning my mind is in a different place as I'm picturing all the people that will soon be there and my mind is focused on the way I say something or the gestures that I am making. When no one is there it is almost uncomfortable talking to a cell phone being held up 8 feet off the ground but what focuses my mind is

knowing that the message is going out to all you, and though I might not see you, I know you are hearing the words that I'm saying.

For Wednesday nights I get a little more creative with how I'm doing the messages. I had someone suggest that I record either in my office or somewhere in the church where I could get a more intimate video that was close up and personal. I decided to use the bookshelf as a backdrop and place some brown paper on the side to have a place to put the video



captions which I think turned out fairly well. I will admit, because of the size of the office I am kinda squished into the space that I am sitting in. The table is from the Ladies 4 Sunday school class, which I hope they do not mind me using.

For recording, I still use the same stand but if you noticed on the last video for Wednesday, I really didn't look down and have notes in front of me. That was because I was reading my computer screen on the other side of the room. A little behind the scene's knowledge, in order to scroll down on the screen I had the keyboard on the ground with a pencil affixed to the down arrow by duck tape. I used my foot to tape down when I needed to see the next thing on the screen. By the way, I'm actually not going to do that anymore. Immediately after recording the Wednesday night message, I found a teleprompting program I can use on the computer that will make reading from a screen a thousand times easier.

Once the video is recorded I load it onto the computer and edit it with Windows Movie Maker. I know it is not the most powerful or best video editing software but it does work well to make a fairly decent church service video. To add the captions onto the screen I watch the video in Windows Movie Maker and basically I click the caption icon when I need to throw a sermon point or announcement on screen. There I type what I need to and tell the program how long it should stay there. This is one of the most time-consuming tasks of the process as I have no idea how long certain points should be up. After that, I tell the computer to save the project and I get ready to upload everything to Youtube. I would like to

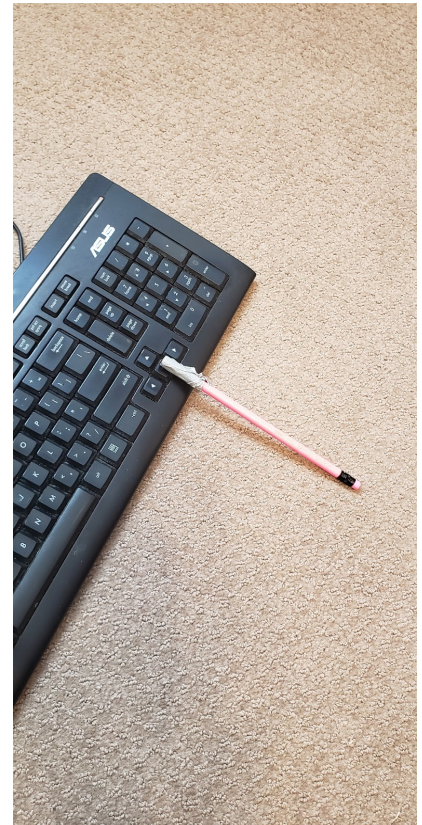


thank the church for allowing me to purchase the computer that I chose for the office. It has been a huge help having a good computer with the ability to edit video quickly and process the massive amount of data that is

needed to make these videos possible. I had to learn a couple of lessons when it



came to uploading videos. The church has a fair internet connection but it is pretty slow. The connection works fine for Stephanie and me to do regular work at the church, however, as found out the hard way, it is not very good for uploading video files to Youtube. I, however, at the house, have a rather fast internet connection that makes everything much easier.



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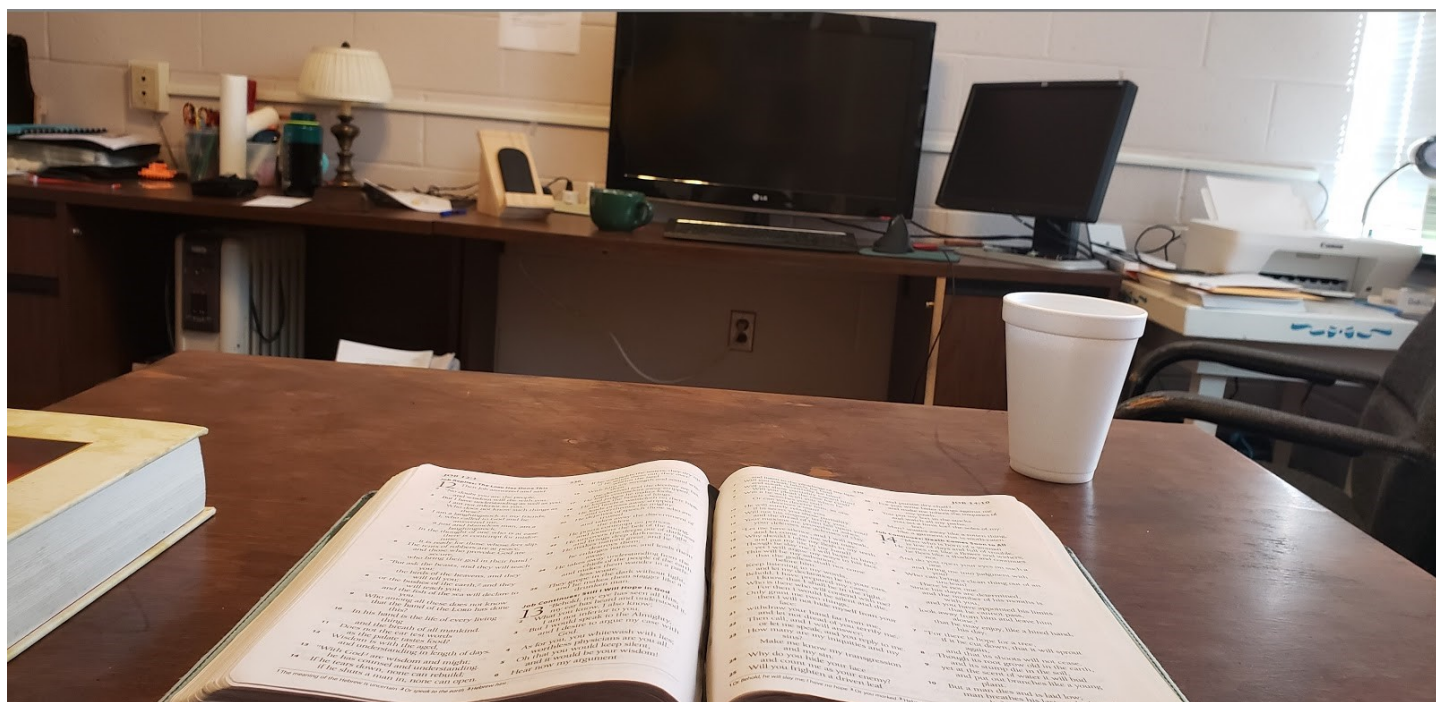
Whereas the church would take about 7 or 8 hours to upload a video, my connection at home only takes about 30 minutes. Upon finding this out I was overjoyed. After the file is uploaded Stephanie and I will create a Facebook post linking everyone to the video and also make a post on the church's website so everyone can look and listen to the video.

So if you are watching the video you can smile a little knowing that while teaching I'm staring down a big computer screen or looking right into a cell phone suspended off the ground. Also please know I everyone is helped and blessed through these messages. My heart is saddened so much by the fact that we cannot be together to worship and study. My heart longs to hear laughter when I deliver the punchline of a joke or an amen when I say some powerful truth from God's Word. Until that time,

however, I do hope God will use these messages in a powerful way in your life and the lives of others.

As I make these messages and many other pastors are making these messages throughout the world I would ask that you would pray for me and all the other minister as we try and get better at making these messages. Also please pray that I will be able to boldly proclaim the Gospel and convey Biblical messages of hope during this time we spend apart. I would also ask that you pray that God would use these messages to touch the hearts and lives of those not only within the congregation of Mars Hill but also throughout the world as these messages are available to everyone who has access to the internet.

Thank you so much and may God richly bless you in this time we spend a part.



5 Minute Theology
Palm Sunday
(from gotquestions.org)

Palm Sunday is the day we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, one week before His resurrection (Matthew 21:1–11). As Jesus entered the holy city, He neared the culmination of a long journey toward Golgotha. He had come to save the lost (Luke 19:10), and now was the time—this was the place—to secure that salvation. Palm Sunday marked the start of what is often called “Passion Week,” the final seven days of Jesus’ earthly ministry. Palm Sunday was the “beginning of the end” of Jesus’ work on earth.

Palm Sunday began with Jesus and His disciples traveling over the Mount of Olives. The Lord sent two disciples ahead into the village of Bethphage to find an animal to ride. They found the unbroken colt of a donkey, just as Jesus had said they would (Luke 19:29–30). When they untied the colt, the owners began to question them. The disciples responded with the answer Jesus had provided: “The Lord needs it” (Luke 19:31–34). Amazingly, the owners were satisfied with that answer and let the disciples go. “They brought [the donkey] to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it” (Luke 19:35).

As Jesus ascended toward Jerusalem, a large multitude gathered around Him. This crowd understood that Jesus was the Messiah; what they did not understand was that it wasn’t time to set up the kingdom yet—although Jesus had tried to tell them so (Luke 19:11–12). The crowd’s actions along the road give rise to the name “Palm Sunday”: “A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road” (Matthew 21:8). In strewing their cloaks on the road,

the people were giving Jesus the royal treatment—King Jehu was given similar honor at his coronation (2 Kings 9:13). John records the detail that the branches they cut were from palm trees (John 12:13).

On that first Palm Sunday, the people also honored Jesus verbally: “The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David!’ / ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’ / ‘Hosanna in the highest heaven!’” (Matthew 21:9). In their praise of Jesus, the Jewish crowds were quoting Psalm 118:25–26, an acknowledged prophecy of the Christ. The allusion to a Messianic psalm drew resentment from the religious leaders present: “Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, rebuke your disciples!’” (Luke 19:39). However, Jesus saw no need to rebuke those who told the truth. He replied, “I tell you . . . if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out” (Luke 19:40).

Some 450 to 500 years prior to Jesus’ arrival in Jerusalem, the prophet Zechariah had prophesied the event we now call Palm Sunday: “Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! / Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! / See, your king comes to you, / righteous and victorious, / lowly and riding on a donkey, / on a colt, the foal of a donkey” (Zechariah 9:9). The prophecy was fulfilled in every particular, and it was indeed a time of rejoicing, as Jerusalem welcomed their King. Unfortunately, the celebration was not to last. The crowds looked for a Messiah who would rescue them politically and free them nationally, but Jesus had come to save them spiritually. First things first, and mankind’s primary need is spiritual, not political, cultural, or national salvation.

Even as the countless multitudes waved the palm branches and shouted for joy, they missed the true reason for Jesus’ presence.

They could neither see nor understand the cross. That's why, "as [Jesus] approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, 'If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies . . . will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you'" (Luke 19:41–47). It is a tragic thing to see the Savior but not recognize Him for who He is. The crowds who were crying out "Hosanna!" on Palm Sunday were crying out "Crucify Him!" later that week (Matthew 27:22–23).

There is coming a day when every knee will bow and every tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is Lord (Philippians 2:10–11). The worship will be real then. Also, John records a scene in heaven that features the eternal celebration of the risen Lord: "There before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands" (Revelation 7:9, emphasis added). These palm-bearing saints will shout, "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb" (verse 10), and who can measure the sum of their joy?

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Good News! Even though we are not able to meet for services, we can still worship our Lord together!

Mars Hill will be launching a Sermon video series! You can find the video channel on Youtube or on the church's Facebook page at **facebook.com/MarsHillBC**

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful."

John 14:27

The History Behind the Hymn “The Old Rugged Cross”

The year was 1912 and George Bennard, an evangelist traveling throughout the Midwest, was heckled incessantly by several young persons at a revival meeting in Michigan.



Troubled by their disregard for the gospel, Bennard turned to Scripture to reflect on the work of Christ on the cross. He later recalled, "I seemed to have a vision "...I saw that Christ and the cross inseparable."

The melody came easily, and the first verse was completed by Bennard during a series of meetings in Albion, Michigan.

Several months later, the remaining three verses were completed in Pokagon, Michigan, where Bennard was leading meetings at a local church.

After completing the hymn, he performed the song in its entirety for the sponsoring pastor and his wife, Rev. Leroy and Ruby Bostwick, in the living room of the parsonage. The Bostwicks were moved to tears and incorporated the song in the revival service on June 7, 1913.

First, Bennard sang his hymn with guitar accompaniment, and then a five-voice choir sang with organ and violin accompaniment.

Today, that same church building, originally a hops barn, is owned by the non-profit Old Rugged Cross Foundation and welcomes thousands of visitors annually.



The hymn quickly spread throughout the region and came to the attention of the evangelist Billy Sunday, who frequently utilized it in his meetings. Two years later, Bennard sold the copyright to the song for a payment of \$500, forgoing future royalties. Upon the renewal of the copyright 28 years later, he received a final payment of \$5,000.

Bennard was born in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1873 and spent his childhood in Iowa. His father was a tavern owner and later, a coal miner. Bennard's conversion at the age of 22 through the evangelistic ministry of the Salvation Army in Canton, Iowa, led to his ordination and commissioning as a traveling evangelist in 1898.

In 1910, stepping out in faith, Bennard resigned and began his own itinerant ministry. He traveled throughout the Midwest, holding revivals until his retirement in Reed City, Michigan, more than 30 years later.

Loved for its lilting melody and words of personal trust in the cross of Christ, "The Old Rugged Cross" remains one of the most cherished hymns of the Christian faith. It has since been included in numerous hymnals and recordings by contemporary artists.



"The Old Rugged Cross"

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

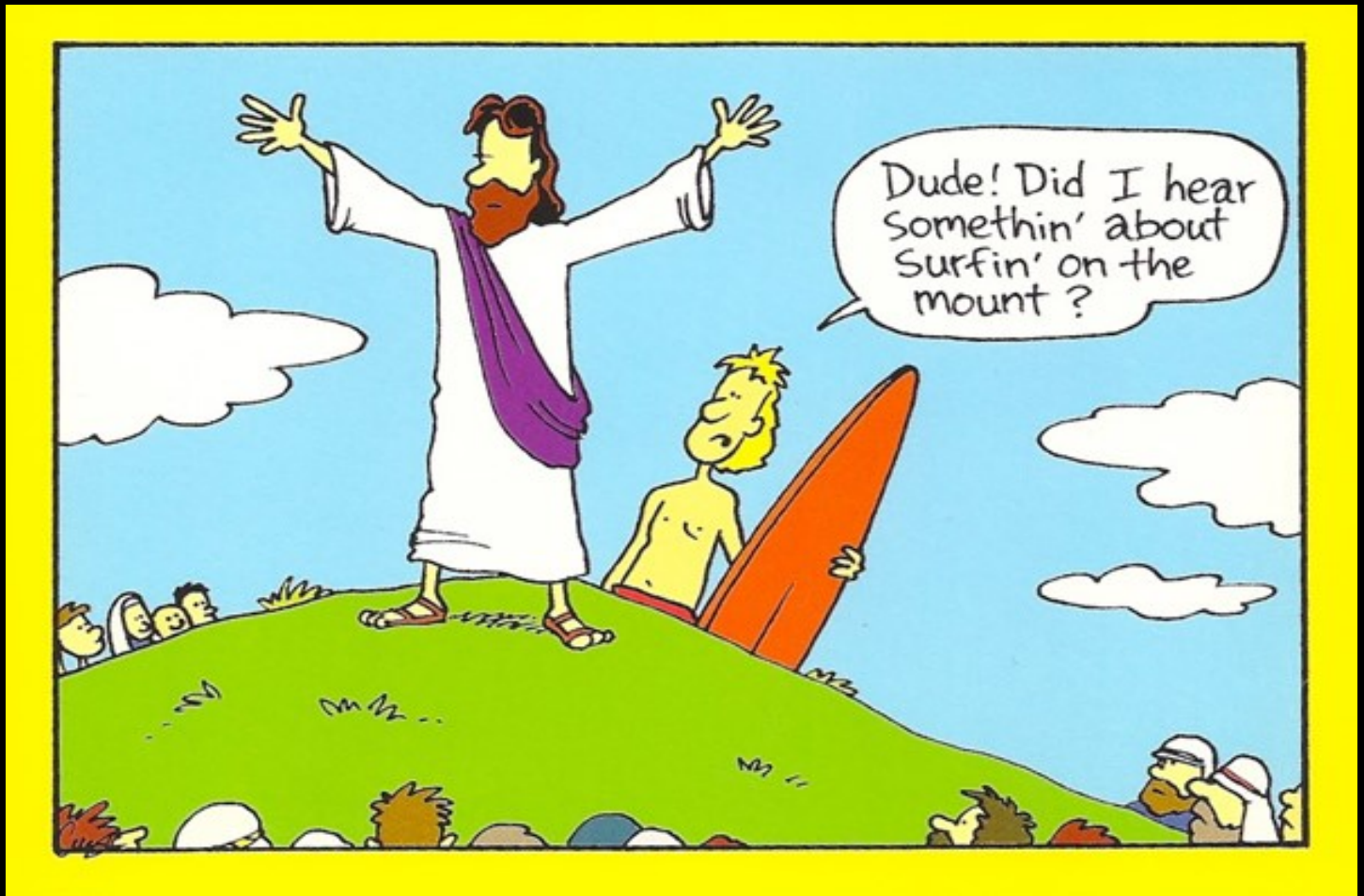
Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world
Has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine
Such a wonderful beauty I see
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me someday to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share.

Refrain
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown.

Article courtesy of Mature Living magazine.



A 7-DAY CORONAVIRUS PRAYER GUIDE



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pray for those who are sick, and their families, that the Lord would heal and comfort them.

PRAY FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Pray for those on the frontlines treating those who are sick, that the Lord would protect and strengthen them.



PRAY FOR THE VULNERABLE

Pray for those who are especially vulnerable to disease, that the sickness would pass over them and that they would rely on others for help.

PRAY FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Pray for those who have lost work, that God would provide through their families and communities.



PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

Pray for national and local government leaders, that they would have wisdom to do what is best for all.

PRAY FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Pray for students who are out of school, and their families, that the Lord would give them patience and discipline.



PRAY FOR CHURCHES

Pray for churches and ministry leaders, that they would know how to best show the love of Christ in this time.

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful."

JOHN 14:27

Old Testament Bible Quiz (Normal Difficulty)

- 1) How many books are there in the Old Testament?
 - 27
 - 66
 - 39
 - 12
- 2) What is the name commonly given to the first five books of the Old Testament?
 - Pseudepigrapha
 - Septuagint
 - Apocrypha
 - Pentateuch
- 3) Who wrote the first five books of the Old Testament?
 - Noah
 - Moses
 - Adam
 - Abraham
- 4) In what language was the Old Testament written?
 - Hebrew
 - Latin
 - Assyrian
 - Greek
- 5) What time period does the Old Testament cover?
 - the time of the Messiah to the time of His death
 - the building of the temple of Solomon to the time of its destruction
 - the beginning of man to the time of the Messiah
 - the beginning of man to the time of the Messiah's death
- 6) Which of these books is NOT found in the Old Testament?
 - Hosea
 - Amos
 - Joel
 - Jude
- 7) Which of these books is NOT found in the Old Testament?
 - Leviticus
 - Revelation
 - Numbers
 - Deuteronomy

8) Which of these books is NOT found in the Old Testament?

- Psalms
- 2 Samuel
- 2 Chronicles
- 3 Kings

9) Which of these women is mentioned in the Old Testament?

- Elisabeth
- Rachel
- Martha
- Anna

10) Which of these books come first in order in the Old Testament?

- Exodus
- Ruth
- Ecclesiastes
- Lamentations

Answers for Old Testament Bible Quiz (Normal Difficulty)

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