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TRY CHRISTIANITY. IT'S THE REAL THING! BY JOHN WADDEY

undenominational Christianity. It is the real thing.

We have a real Savior...Jesus of Nazareth. Not a myth nor a legend, not a misguided dreamer, not just a good man or a wise teacher. We have Jesus the Son of God, born of Mary while she was yet a virgin (Luke 1:26-35). He was born in Bethlehem of Judea during the reign of Herod the Great, while Augustus Caesar ruled Rome and Quirinius was governor of the province of Syria (Matt. 2:1; Luke 2:1-2). The year would have been 4 B.C., for later in that year Herod the Great died.

Jesus was raised in the home of Joseph the carpenter of Nazareth. He learned His stepfather's trade (Mark 6:3). At age 30 Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River (Matt. 3:5, 13-16).

The following 3 1/2 years Jesus spent as an itinerant preacher among the Jews of Palestine. He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil (Acts 10:38). He taught in their synagogues, "...preaching the gospel of the kingdom" (Matt. 4:23). He showed Himself to be approved by God...by His mighty works and wonders and signs which God did by Him in the midst of the people (Acts 2:22).

Resenting His great popularity, the religious leaders of the Jews plotted to have Him arrested and delivered up to the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate (Matt. 27:18). They falsely accused Him of many evil deeds: "perverting our nation, forbidding to give tribute to Caesar and saying that He Himself is Christ a king" (Luke 23:2). False witnesses were suborned to testify against Him. He was tried before four different courts. His fellow Jews pronounced Him guilty and worthy of death. Pilate and Herod both found no crime in Him (Luke 23:1-14). Intimidated by the angry mob and the threats of the Jewish leaders who implied that an innocent verdict would be a failure to honor Caesar (John 19:12), Pilate allowed them to murder a man who had done no wrong.

This innocent man was beaten and then crucified between two thieves. This they did to heap more insult and abuse on Jesus, implying He was a common criminal (Luke 23:33). After hours of suffering and verbal abuse by the bloodthirsty crowd, He surrendered His spirit to God (Luke 23:46). He was buried by His mother and friends in a tomb belonging to one Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy man who had longed for the coming of Messiah (Luke 23:50-51). At the insistence of the Jewish leaders the tomb was sealed with a Roman guard to see that no one disturbed it (Matt. 27:62-66).

On the third day, which was a Sunday, the tomb was found empty. The stone was rolled back and the Savior's body was missing. This struck fear in the hearts of those responsible for His death. They remembered His talk about being raised from the dead. Thus they paid the Roman guards a large amount of money to spread the report that His disciples had stolen the body (Matt. 28:11-15). The resurrected Jesus appeared to His apostles on several occasions. They saw Him, they touched Him, they ate with Him, they heard Him. In all, above five hundred people saw Him (1 Cor. 15:6). After 40 days among them He gathered the apostles on the Mount of Olives and gave them their commission to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15). Then before their eyes, He ascended into heaven from whence He had come. Angels were there to console the apostles and remind them He would one day return (Acts 1:8-11).

Today His kingdom has spread around the world. Millions have embraced Jesus as their Lord and lived and died for Him (Acts 2:38-42). You have the wonderful privilege to become His disciple and enter His heavenly kingdom, which is His church (Matt. 16:18).

Jesus will one day return to raise the dead (John 5:28-29). Our material world will be consumed by fire (2 Pet. 3:10). He will judge all of humanity (Acts. 17:30-31), assigning a home in heaven to the saved and eternal punishment in hell for those who refused His offer of salvation.

My friends, this is the real thing. Please don't allow it to slip by you. The consequences of that would be disastrous for you.



From what tribe of Israel did the Apostle Paul come?

Answer to last week's question: As a sign to Hezekiah (Isa 38:7-8). No one submitted the correct answer.

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, May 25, 2017:

- Thursday—1 Corinthians 15-16
- Friday—Exodus 9-12
- Saturday—1 Samuel 26-31
- Sunday—Psalms 45-47
- Monday—Job 31-32
- Tuesday—Jeremiah 17-21
- Wednesday—Mark 11-12

For the Record—5-21-17	
Sunday AM	181
Sunday PM	N/A
Wednesday (5-17-17)	30
Contribution	\$4,101
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$90,940
YTD Budget	\$121,800

The ladies in the May food preparation group are: Heather Brown, Judy Indest, and Ginny Lindelof. Please contact Kristin Alatrash if there are questions.

2017 sign-up sheets for communion preparation and sound/projector are on the bulletin board.
We are also in need of more volunteers for nursery duty and leading the youngsters in song before the services.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Shannon Brown**, who passed away recently. Shannon was the granddaughter of Joe and Irma Hawkins.

Continuing Need:

Our Members: Fran Barnhill, Dawn Bell, Haley Biegay, Debbie Brown, Annette Bumpers, David Clayton, Jeff Coe, Daisy Dees, June Evans, Bennie Sue Galindo, Ross Genaro, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Murrell Hill, Judy Indest, Wanda Kirby, Dorothy Kirkland, Jo Knight, Wanda Knight, Clifford & Nina Layton, Jan Lemoine, Valerie McHargh, Harold & Alice Moore, Becky Nicholson, Adam Parker, Vi Price, Betty Pridgen, Chase Shelton, David Smith, Loma Stone, Sandy Stone, Doris Stuteville, Angela Terry. **Others:** Carol Addison, Jim Alford, Leona Anderson, Catherine & Cecilia Bailey, Octaline Beaupierre, Erica Matte Blair, Jeffrey Buesch, Linda Bynum, Raquel Castillo, Debbie Cook, Evelyn Cordell, Ray Craycraft, Judy Dame, Larry & Carla Doolen, Billie Dykes, Linda Evans, Roger Farmer, Gwen Fikes, Glenda Garner, Betty Goad, Sarah Goeman, Carol Hasten, Robert Hudman, Kaliya Kelly, Elaine King, Jay Langley, Jason & Jenny Langley, Kerry Lemoine, Martha Locke, Austin & Celia Matthews, Jim & Julie Maxcey, Shirley McWhorter, Mary Means, Pat Miller, Lewis Moss, Jean Nudelman, April Parker, Wilma Parker, Mark Pridgen, Cloey Pruitt, Alice Puckett, Ryan Rangel, Trenna Russell, Sandra Brown Ryan, Everett Sanderson, Butch Sapp, Shirley Scarsdale, Henry Schaefer, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Andrew Shock, Tony Smajstrla, Andrew Smith, Michael Smith, Rick Stone, Erin & Elijah Timmons, Leon Vanderveer, Bennett Vincent, Mary White, Wanda Williams, Anthony Young, Lesli (friend of Heather Brown's friend), Dakota (baby boy of Lianne Biegay's friend).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Lindelof is our contact elder for **May**. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Chris. Kevin Scarsdale is the contact elder for **June**.

May 2017

- 25 Gary Adams' group (Group 4) will meet at 7 PM at his house, 2965 Winter Berry Ct, Pearland TX 77581.
- 28 Bob Williams will meet with all of the teachers for 2-yr.-old through 6th grade after morning services.

June 2017

- 6 Secret Sisters—6:30 PM—Big Humphrey's. Becky Hopkins, Jo Knight, and Sarah Romain are the hostesses. Please RSVP to one of the hostesses so they can get an accurate headcount. Please note that June 6 is a Tuesday.
- 10 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's
- 18-21 Vacation Bible School

May Birthdays

- 26 Gena Coe 31 Atticus Brown
31 Zack Williams

June Birthdays

- 2 Don Powell 4 Alice Moore
4 Betty Pridgen 7 Kevin Scarsdale
11 Lucy Gartrell 11 Charlyne Harper
11 Barbara Shock 12 Phil Godwin
15 Linda Sherrill 16 Dallas Maxcey
18 Dwight Bateman 18 John Gartrell
20 Jeremy Brown 21 Chris Lindelof
23 Debbie Brown 23 June Evans
25 Stephanie Forster 28 Ben Lenamon

June Anniversaries

- 1 Charlie & Peggy Story 11 Jimmy & Angela Terry
20 Wendell & Sarah Romain

Those to Serve

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of service, building up the body of Christ...

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Wednesday Evening May 24	Wednesday Evening May 31
Building Lock Up—C Lindelof	Building Lock Up—K Scarsdale

Morning Worship May 28		Morning Worship June 4	
Opening Prayer	James Maxcey	Opening Prayer	Bob Williams
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion		Communion	
Presiding: Kevin Scarsdale		Presiding: Chris Lindelof	
Phil Godwin	Jimmy Terry	Wendell Romain	Josh Hundley
Nathan Scarsdale	Gheath Alatrash	Jake Satterwhite	Zack Williams
Grayson Townzen	Russell Genaro	Blake Williams	Charlie Story
Announcements	Chris Lindelof	Announcements	Kevin Scarsdale
Closing Prayer		Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendants		Nursery Attendants	
Laurie Maxcey	Angela Parker	Appeal Byers	Sarah White
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
*Clifford Layton, Tom Langford, Bobby Parker		*Lynn Adams, Jacob Carriere, Paul Hamilton	
Greeters		Greeters	
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale		Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	
Audio—Projector for AM		Audio—Projector for AM	
Bob & Mitzi Williams		Riggs, Whitmire	
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—K Scarsdale		Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Gary Adams	
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Gary Adams
Communion	Jimmy Terry, N Scarsdale	Communion	Wendell Romain, Z Williams
Closing Prayer	Chris Lindelof	Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale

Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am
Morning Worship.....10 am
Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

ELDERS

Gary Adams 281-797-2575
Chris Lindelof 281-224-2183
Kevin Scarsdale 713-447-1866

DEACONS

James Maxcey
Bobby Parker
Charlie Story
Bob Williams

MINISTERS

Zack Williams Youth Minister

MISSIONARIES

Benin, West Africa:
Paul Tohionon - Bohicon
Pascal Djedatin - Dassa
Blaise Atta - Bétérou
Clément Djebede - Okéwo
Gaston Nda - Natitingou
Valentine Ndimonte - Natitingou
André Assogba - Gobé
Dorotheé Tchekpo - Savé et Bessé
Paul Kouagou - N'Dali
Jonas Sambieni - Kaboua
Gabin Agbeci - Savalou
Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies
Lewis Romain