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Christ and the Chicago Cubs

You’ve seen all the jokes about the Chicago Cubs and the World Series. All the jokes about how many years it has been since they were in the World Series and all the things that have happened since they won in 1908 (two World Wars, man landed on the moon, radio and TV were invented, etc.) Some people even say that if the Cubs win the World Series, the world will end. As I write this, the Cubs are losing game 4, so the world might not end this year. Wait until next year?

All joking aside, the Cubs winning or losing will not tell us when the world will end. God keeps the date a secret (Matthew 24:36).

But God does give us signs to show us the end is coming. Here are a few of the signs (Matthew 24:3-14).

- False prophets will come and people will say they are the Christ. They will lead away many people.
- There will be wars and rumors of wars.
- There will be famines (no food) and earthquakes.
- Many people will hate and persecute Christians.
- The church will preach the gospel to all nations.

Why the signs? God wants us to figure out the date Jesus comes again? No. The signs are reminders that He really is coming. They also show us that God is in charge of history and the events of this world. He knows and guides all things to the final conclusion at the end. When we see false prophets, wars, persecution, etc., we remember that Jesus said these things will happen and we can have faith that He is in control..

Most important, the signs are reminders that Jesus is coming and we should be busy doing the work He gives us to do. One of the signs is that the church will preach the gospel to all nations. Jesus said, “That servant is happy who is doing what his owner wants him to do when he comes back.” (Matthew 24:46, NLV) Truly we want to be loving, serving, and telling people about Jesus! We say with John in Revelation 22:20, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Pastor Eckert

Dive Into God's Word

How much do you know about Christmas? I don't mean Santa and reindeer and Christmas trees. I also don't mean what the world says about Jesus' birth. Our culture has some wrong ideas about Jesus' birth and that makes some people confused. Read the Bible (Matthew 1:18-2:12, Luke 1:26-2:20) to learn about Jesus' birth and events after His birth. Those readings will help you find answers to the questions below. Then you can check your answers on page 4.

1. For the journey to Bethlehem, how did Mary and Joseph get there?
A. Walked B. Rode a donkey C. Rode a bus D. The Bible does not say
2. When Mary became pregnant, Mary and Joseph were
A. Married B. Just friends C. Engaged
3. Who told Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem?
A. Herod B. An Angel C. Caesar (Roman king) D. IRS.
4. Jesus was born on what day?
A. December 25 B. April 10 C. July 18 D. We don't know
5. Who told Joseph to name the baby Jesus?
A. Mary B. The chief priests and scribes C. An angel of the Lord D. Herod the king
6. What does the name "Jesus" mean?
A. Joseph's son B. Mary's son C. God saves D. Carpenter
7. Who were the first visitors to see Jesus?
A. Wise men B. Shepherds C. Innkeeper
8. What sign the shepherds look for?
A. A star over the stable B. A barn with Christmas lights C. A baby in a manger
9. What is a manger?
A. Barn B. A large water bowl C. A feeding trough D. A baby nursery
10. What animals were at Jesus birth?
A. Cows and sheep B. Cows and camels C. Sheep and donkeys D. We don't know
11. Who saw the star over Bethlehem?
A. Mary and Joseph B. Shepherds C. The wise men
12. How many wise men visited Jesus?
A. One B. Three C. Twelve D. The Bible doesn't say
13. When did the wise men visit Jesus?
A. When Jesus was born B. Jesus was a toddler C. When Jesus was 12 years old

Prayers

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ Mollie Schmitz, Lorri Green, Shirley Green, Debbie Mingo, Mikalah Anderson, Bill and Barbara Zimmerman, Mae Hanson, Joan Mass, Gerald Mitchell, Rosie Glime, Neita Dommer, Sharon Pope, Harold Kinkade, Jeanette Kern, Bonnie Lou Huffman, Henry Daggett, Janet Weber, Vicki Hoover’s daughter Clea, Terry Ann Check, Paula Slavin, Ricky Moore and Chris Moore with their ongoing physical difficulties.
- ✦ Thanks to God that Bill Zimmerman finished his chemotherapy!
- ✦ Pray for all the leaders elected on Nov. 8. We ask God to guide them to do what is best for our country and work agreeing with what God wants. There are people in government now who want to change what Christians teach and believe. Pray that our newly elected leaders will defend the freedom of religion and allow us to continue to teach and preach God’s truth.
- ✦ This year, especially with the election, some Christians have not been a good witness. They have said and done things that are shameful and go against Christian faith and love. Have we done that? If so, confess that to God and trust in His forgiveness through Jesus. Also pray for the whole church, that all Christians will speak and live in God’s truth.
- ✦ Pray for all deaf missions around the world, including the church in Kenya that is now teaching the Deaf, so more Deaf people will know and believe in Jesus.
- ✦ Pray for Andy Petajan as he studies to become a pastor. Also pray for the students who are planning to enroll in DIT next year, that they will all be prepared for their classes.
- ✦ All shut-ins to keep strong faith in Christ Jesus.
- ✦ Thank and praise God for Jesus our Savior! He was born a humble baby to live with us, experience hard times and temptations the same as us, and to die and rise again to give us life. He is the reason we have hope and joy! Celebrate His birth and all His gifts for us!



Announcement: Davenport moved their worship to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. They will not meet on Sunday afternoon anymore. Because of that change, Dubuque Bible Study is back to 1:00 p.m.

November

- 1 Agnes Mundhank
- 4 David Legg
- 5 Kathy Anderson
- 8 Lilly Anderson
- 12 Wanda McAllister
- 14 Chris Wrage
- 15 Doris Ciha
- 19 Vicki Morris
- Pastor Tim Eckert
- Mike Check
- 20 Melody Schulte



- 21 Don Anderson
- 22 Jack Barnett
- 23 Shirley Hampton
- 25 Arlene Ritze
- 28 Paula Slavin
- 30 Rhonda Wegenether

December

- 1 Jennifer Legg
- 11 Sheri Pohlman
- 25 Jesus Christ

Thanksgiving in Psalm 100

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Word List

Psalms is a book that shows a lot of human emotion. There are Psalms that show great joy and celebration and there are Psalms of sorrow and crying to God for help. Psalm 100 is a Psalm of praise and thanks to God, so it is a very good Psalm to use for Thanksgiving. Find the underlined words.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is He who made us, and we are His;

we are His people, the sheep of His

pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

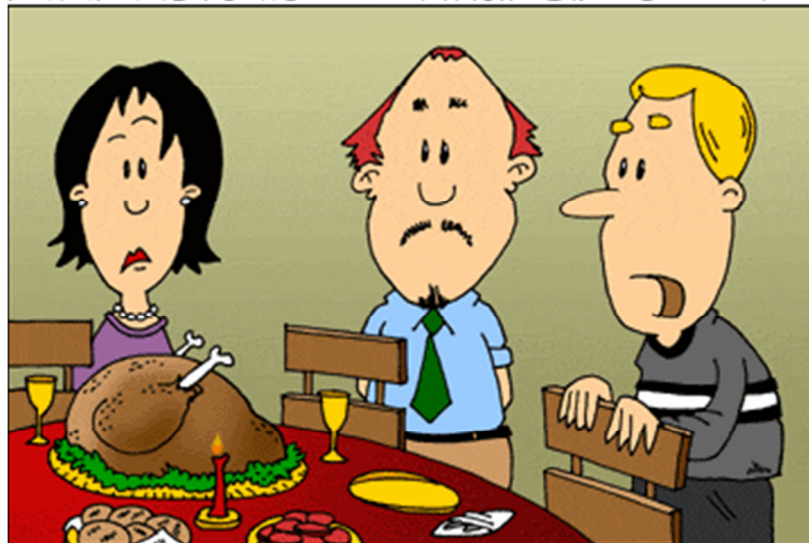
give thanks to Him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures

forever; His faithfulness continues through

all generations.

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(See Psalm 100)

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HAS IT ALREADY BEEN A YEAR SINCE WE
 WERE THANKFUL?

Answers to Christmas Quiz: 1-D 2-C 3-C 4-D 5-C 6-C 7-B
 8-C 9-C 10-D 11-C 12-D 13-B

November 2016

		1	2 7:00 WL – Worship	3	4	5 10:00 QC – Worship
6 * See below for worship and Bible study times. Turn clocks back one hour	7	8	9 10:00 CR-Senior Citizens	10	11 1:00 MU-Worship	12 10:00 QC – Worship 1:00 DU – Bible Study
13 * See below for worship and Bible study times. CR Potluck	14	15	16 7:00 WL – Study	17	18	19 10:00 QC – Worship
20 * See below for worship and Bible study times.	21	22	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving	25	26 10:00 QC – Worship
27 * See below for worship and Bible study times.	28	29	30			

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 DU – Dubuque. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2145 John F. Kennedy Rd., Dubuque. 2nd Saturday.
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18 * See below for worship and Bible study times.	19	20	21 7:00 WL – Study	22	23	24 10:00 QC – Worship
25 * See below for worship and Bible study times. Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31 10:00 QC – Worship New Year’s Eve

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