

TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

Answer the questions below with the scripture where it can be found. The answers will appear in the following bulletin.

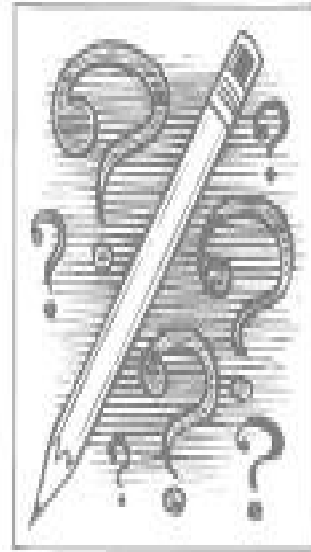
66. Who prayed inside a fish?

67. What mob shouted one sentence two hours?

68. What two disciples did Jesus nickname “Sons of Thunder”?

69. What disciples were mistaken for Jupiter and Mercury?

70. Who cut his hair once a year?



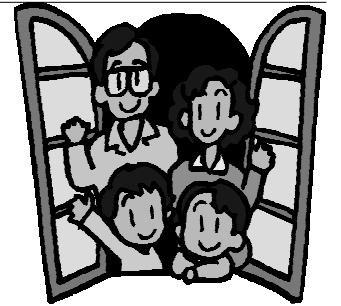
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“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” I Timothy 4:12.

WEST SIDE WINDOW

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“TURNABOUTS” IN JONAH

By John F. Board, Elizabethtown, KY

Early Jewish art forms depict a concept that turnarounds are within the book of Jonah. Jonah will begin the book with an “about face” that will not be pleasing to God. Jonah will later make a positive “about face.” Later still he will be upset when the people of Nineveh make an “about face.” Early Jewish art will depict Jonah going into the mouth of the fish headfirst; it will also depict Jonah being expelled from the fish and again he will be coming out headfirst. Such art is to depict the turnaround that Jonah makes while in the inward parts of the fish.

In the first few words of the book of Jonah, the source of the message of Jonah is revealed—the word of the LORD came to Jonah. Here we find the message from God revealed to his prophet. What was that message? The Hebrew word (*le mor*) is actually a word combining a preposition and the word “say.” Literally it is translated “to saying.” Often in our English translation we read “Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah, son of Amittai, **saying...**” Some translations will simply read “Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai, **as follows.**” The reason this is the case is that the Hebrew word (*le mor*) can actually serve the same purpose as quotation marks in the English language; thus the translation “as follows” conveys this concept with the word “le mor”.

What was it that God said to Jonah? Let’s pause just a moment and ask ourselves, what would be our reaction if the word of the LORD came to us “saying?” Probably like many today, Jonah did not obey what the word of the LORD revealed to him. God had literally told Jonah, “Get up go to Nineveh that great city and cry out against it...” The next verse tells us that Jonah tried to do an “about face.” It begins, “But Jonah got up to run away to Tarshish to get away from the presence of the LORD. This obviously was not a good about face. Jonah turned against God here.

If I told you it took Jonah being swallowed by a big “dog” (Hebrew word for fish is pronounced like dog) before he made his next “about face” would you believe me? As noted above, Jewish art depicts Jonah going into the fish headfirst and coming out of the fish headfirst. This depicts the turnaround that Jonah had while in the fish (female-perhaps suggesting “womb” and Jonah’s rebirth). At any rate the text records that he does have a change of heart. He is now willing to go to Nineveh—and God is willing to allow him to do so even after his initial disobedience.

Notice the message Jonah is to take this time though. Earlier he was told to go to Nineveh that great city and “cry out against it” (1:2). Here Jonah is told to go to Nineveh and “proclaim to it” (3:2). Did you catch that —Jonah obviously didn’t. In the Hebrew text the difference is very subtle (there is a change of a single letter from an *ayin* to an *aleph*). God’s message now is no longer directed “against Nineveh,” it is directed to Nineveh. God is the one who has the turnaround here—He changes his message.

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SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study —
9:30 am
Worship — 10:30 am &
6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study —
7:00 pm

MINISTER

Larry G. Reynolds

ELDERS

Mike Haviland
Brian Huffman
Larry G. Reynolds
Herb Smith
Larry Taylor
George Welker

DEACONS

Don Allison, Youth
Bill Gaw, Building &
Grounds
Jerry Hoyt, Bible Corresp. &
Upon The Rock
Lowell Huffman,
Benevolence
Volker Jaromin, Building &
Grounds
Gary Reynolds, Seminars
Todd Stults, Education and
Asst. Finance
Jim Witty, Finance & Upon
The Rock

MISSION WORKS

Cochran, Georgia
Willie Smith
South Central Church of
Christ
Robert Ray
Tanzania, Africa
Christopher Mwakabanje
plus two preaching school
students
Memphis School Of
Preaching
Andrey Kostine
David Dixon

WORSHIP FOR OCTOBER 4**MORNING WORSHIP**

Song Leader: Don Allison
 Opening Prayer: Rick Cox
 Scripture Reading: Clayton Parker
 Sermon: Larry Taylor
 Announcements: Brian Huffman
 Closing Prayer: Danny Odle

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side- Assist: Ralph Zeek
 Prayer: Dwayne Odle
 East Side- Prayer: Todd Stults
 Assist: Jonah Stults

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Don Allison
 Opening Prayer: Lowell Huffman
 Scripture Reading: Sam Arnold
 Sermon: Mike Haviland
 Communion Table: Richard Messer
 Closing Prayer: Blade Taylor

**PULPIT PREVIEW FOR
OCTOBER 11, 2009**

AM: "Desire to grow" I Peter 2:1-5

PM: "Inside Out" I Peter 3:8-12

OCTOBER**GREETERS:**

East Door: Tena, Cannon, & Tyann
Front Door + Ushers: Jay Kellow &
 Forrest Hurst

COMMUNION:

Prep: Lowell & Charlene Huffman
Clean-up: Diane, Joan, Jane

BUILDING CLEANING: Mike & Debbie
 and John & Shawna

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Margaret Adams, Dorothy's friend
Sally Anderson, her mother, and grandmother
Barbara Blaser, friend of Lisa
Martina Conaster, Gail Parker's aunt
Marvin and Madeline Kortman, Debbie's parents
Christy Disney, friend/co-worker of Delores
Clarence "Bud" Henry, Delores' uncle
Ray Gastineau is at the Waters of Yorktown for rehab.
Don Gaw
Brandon Lee
Dwayne McGunegill, son of a friend of Dorothy
William Meade, Amy Jarrett's dad
Norma Norris, Grant's grandmother
Ryburn Perry
Connie Reynolds
Nora Lee Robbins, Gail Parker's mother
Maggie Roberts, Cindy & Nancy's brother's (Scott) wife. Recently diagnosed with stage 2 breast cancer.
Kent Sanders is battling cancer
Vanessa St. John, daughter of friend of Michelle Mann
Travis, friend of Pat Egle.
Kay Thomason, Howard Goodman's sister. Send encouragement to 1219 Kelly Dr., Elizabethtown, KY 42701.
Erica Walden, Pat Kidd's granddaughter
Jessica Walls
George & Ellen Welker
Jerry Wilhoite
David Witty See bulletin board for benefit concert information. David has a transplant surgery date of October 14.
Everett & Ann Witty

Shut-Ins

Virginia Ashley - Westminster. **Juanita Broderick** - The Woodlands. **Christine Daniels** - Elmcroft. **Twyla Monroe** - The Woodlands. **Mary Norris** - The Woodlands

Away in the Military

Grant Kellow - Iraq. **Brian Noonkester** - Germany.
Justin Spence - Iraq.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**

Oct 4—Gary needs volunteers to help plan and coordinate a Youth Seminar for next summer. He needs volunteers for marketing, facilities, activities, food, etc. Meeting will be after **morning** services.

Oct 4—Elders will meet at 4:30.

Oct 4—Group 1 (Brian) will meet after evening services. This group is also responsible for making sure the building is secure and lights are out after each service.

Oct 6—Men's fellowship breakfast at IHOP at 8 AM.

Oct 6 & 8—Ladies exercise at 9 AM. **Please note the location has been changed to Debbie's home in Albany.**

Oct 10—Lebanon church of Christ Ladies Inspiration Day, "Hungering For More," 9-noon.

Oct 11-14—Columbus Avenue invite all to their Challenges to Godly Living series, "Coping with Life's Storms". See bulletin board for details.

Oct 14—Make plans to join us for fellowship and dinner at 5:30.

Oct 18—Elders and deacons will meet at 4:30.

Oct 25—Carry-in lunch and early evening services.

**ATTENDANCE FOR THE
WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 27, 2009**

Sunday Bible Study	88
Sunday Worship am	125
Sunday Worship pm	82
Wednesday Bible Study	95

TURNABOUTS IN JONAH (CONTINUED)

The last turnabout I want to mention is the turnabout of the people of Nineveh. When God's message came to them, they did an about face. They showed their sorrow and willingness to change by their actions. This was a wonderful turnabout that spared the people of Nineveh from God's wrath—at least for the time being.

Remember Jonah's turnabout we mention while he was in the belly of the large fish? From his reaction to the repentance of the people in Nineveh, it does not appear that his turnabout was complete. Rather than being joyous about their change, he was upset. This reminds me of what we studied the last few Sunday mornings regarding Luke 17:1ff and Matthew 12:15ff. Did you notice, Jonah was more than happy to accept God's willingness to forgive him, but he was unwilling himself to extend forgiveness to his enemies in Nineveh, and he was furious at God for doing so! "Turnabouts" in Jonah—surely we can learn from just the few we have considered.

*We do not understand differently;
 we either understand or we misunderstand.*

*Neither is it true that we hold
 different interpretations*

which are each correct;

we either interpret correctly

or we misinterpret.

We can see this truth

when applied to simple arithmetic;

why can we not see it

when applied to religion?

Brandon Renfroe, Author of "Common Sense Religion"

KEN UPCHURCH WRITES...

Did we mention lately how much we appreciate all the faithful support that you have given to this mission work and the students, missionaries, schools and most importantly the lost of Tanzania. Well we are mentioning it now and thanking you with every thought and kindness we possess, in the most earnest way we know how. What would we do without you? Not much is the short answer.

How good it is when friends and family can be in the same work together with only one agenda, teaching the Gospel until all have heard. You bless us, you elevate our spirits, you love and care for us and there are no words in this world or our minds that can properly thank you for all you do

We are deeply in love with you and we thank God for you continually.

Just Ken