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Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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Ladies' Class: 10:00 a.m.

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Safe Passage

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Luke 2:4–7).

The image of a pregnant Mary riding on a donkey on her way to Bethlehem is taken for granted by most folks. Yet, there is no verse that says such is the way she made her way from Nazareth to the location she would give birth to our Lord. Is it a possibility? Sure. Is it explicitly stated in Scripture? No, it is not.

One thing we do know, travel in this region and at this time was a very dangerous enterprise. Further, finding a safe place to spend the night was a very difficult challenge (consider Luke 10:25-37; Judges 19:15; Genesis 19:1-3). Evidently, in order to be safe, travelers preferred to stay with family. If family was not a possibility, they sought out friends of friends—some type of prior connection so that they would feel safe.

Mary was given safe passage to Bethlehem. Once there, Mary was given a safe, though unconventional, place to give birth. Once born, in spite of the wicked plans of Herod the Great, Jesus was given safe passage into adolescence from infancy (Matthew 2:13-15).

Every step of the way, God the Father was providing for God the Son.

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But that is not all! The Almighty also provided safe passage for the "wise men from the east" (Matthew 2:1). It is estimated that they traveled some 800-1,200 miles to see the Christ. Upon being so blessed as to see and worship Him, they were warned to leave Bethlehem a different way than they had arrived (Matthew 2:11-12). Any direction they would go, any path they took to get home, potentially took them into places Herod ruled. Any route home would take them to places where they might be intercepted by Herod's soldiers. The magi undertook this journey at great personal risk. The Lord provided them safe passage.

May we all trust in the Lord to provide safe spiritual passage for us, knowing that He kept all safe going to and from Bethlehem so many years ago. *—Bart Warren*



Dangerous "Nations" Among Us

In the history of the world, many nations have posed great danger to people who lived around them. In ancient times, Egypt, Assyria, Chaldea, Rome, and others were dangerous. In recent history, Germany, Japan, Russia, and China have been seen as dangerous.

However, the most dangerous "nations" are not earthly powers. They are spiritual forces.

Some things are **abominations** to God, for they pervert and destroy man spiritually. In Deuteronomy 18:9–12, Moses taught that idolatry and many practices of the occult were abominations. Solomon said seven things are an abomination to God: a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet swift to run to evil, a false witness, and one who sows discord among brethren (Proverbs 6:16–19).

Many Christians are eternally ruined by **contamination**. They fall prey to worldliness—immorality, drinking, dancing, cursing, and gambling, for instance. They become spotted by the world (James 1:27).

Discrimination is a great danger to world peace and well-being. All people are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26–27); in Christ all are of equal importance and value to God (Galatians 3:28).Why do some practice discrimination between rich and poor, young and old, male and female, black and white?

Some are defeated by **termination**. It may be that one becomes unhappy or upset with something in the local church such as family problems, disagreements among brethren, or hurting someone's feelings. What happens? They terminate—give up church responsibilities, stop contributing, and quit attending. In the end, they become entangled and overcome by the defilements of the world (2 Peter 2:20–22).

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Bible Quiz: Matthew 28:11-15

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 4 !

1. "Now while they were going, behold, some of the __ came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had __."
2. "When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of __ to the __."
3. "Say, 'His disciples came at __ and stole Him away while we __.'"
4. True or False: The governor punished the soldiers for losing Jesus' body.
5. "So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the __ until this __."

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As innocent as it looks, **procrastination** is a dangerous nation. One may

convince himself that he means well and will do better some day while completely dominated by this "nation."

Denominations are dangerous because, while appearing beneficial, they divide believers in Christ into separate competing groups. Christ came to unite all in one body (John 17:20; Ephesians 4:4), the undenominational church of Christ (Romans 16:16).

Paul taught against this "nation," say- ing there should be "no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10).

The ultimate danger to our souls is eternal **CONDEMNATION**. One day all will stand before God in judgment to receive eternal victory over these dangerous "nations," or to be condemned because of them.

—Darrell E. Beard

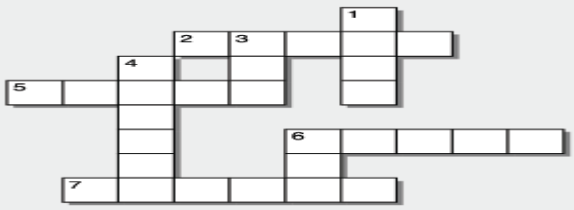
BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

David Strengthened Himself (1 Sam. 30:6)

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BECAUSE
DISTRESSED
GRIEVED
SONS
DAUGHTERS
EVERY
LORD
SOUL
DAVID
GREATLY
PEOPLE
SPOKE

CrossWORD



"The First Murder"

Genesis 4

Across

2) An emotion Cain felt.
5) The place where Cain killed Abel.
6) Abel's professional occupation.
7) What Cain tilled.

Down

1) "If you do _____, will you not be accepted?"
3) Cain's new home.
4) "Am I my brother's _____?"
6) Something at Cain's door.

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Prayer Request

Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Debbie Brooks. Health concerns.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Lisha Cassell. In need of kidney transplant.

Dixie Clifton. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Health concerns.

Greg Clifton. Dixie's son. Health concerns.

Tony Cockram. Upcoming GI surgery on Oct. 28.

Harriet Copeland. Friend of Matthew. Hospitalized I Roanoke with several health concerns.

Kaitlyn Donovant. Recovering from a car accident.

Trinity Harvey. Debbie's granddaughter. Recovering from a broken arm.

Tammy Ingram. Kitty's step-daughter. Health concerns.

Axel Keller. Health Concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Back surgeries this past week. Both were a success.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Carol Pace. Recovering at home.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Diana Smith. Alzheimer's Disease.

Tommy Stanley. Recovering from a car accident.

Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

Thomas Turner. Young child. Cancer.

Kyle & Madison Willis. Friends of Brad. Madison has a mass that is pushing on her aorta. Awaiting results of CAT scan.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Military & Leaders.

Announcements and Upcoming Events



Oct. Birthday!

28TH KEVIN WYATT



Pizza-Movie Night

Our November Pizza & Movie Night will be on Saturday, November 7th! Pizza Supper at 5:00p.m. and movie starts at 5:30 p.m.



Holiday Dinner!

Mark your calendars for our Holiday Dinner! Sunday, November 29th following worship.



Potter Children's Home Christmas Gifts!

This year we have 6 little ones to purchase gifts for. Wish lists are available next to our left side offering box. If you would like to provide funds to purchase gifts for the children, please mark Potter in the memo line of your check or mark Potter for cash donations. Online donations, click potter in the drop-down box. All gifts & donations are due by Nov. 29th.

Word SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to form a Bible word!

C A D A S M S U

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Clue: City where Paul first preached (Acts 9)

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Upcoming Events:

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Word SCRAMBLE

Solution: Damascus



Solution

guard, happened; money, soldiers; night, slept; False; Jews, day

BIBLE WORD SEARCH! *Solution*

H	H	S	I	G	D	R	H	S
U	C	O	O	O	I	S	T	O
S	P	O	K	E	S	B	G	N
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