



The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

Good News

October 2023

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United Methodist
Church of Lake
Ronkonkoma

792 Hawkins Avenue
Lake Grove, NY 11755

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Church Office Hours
Tuesday - Friday
9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Nursery School
631-467-9601

Thrift Shop
631-981-9749

Staff

Rev. Karen A. Burger,
Pastor

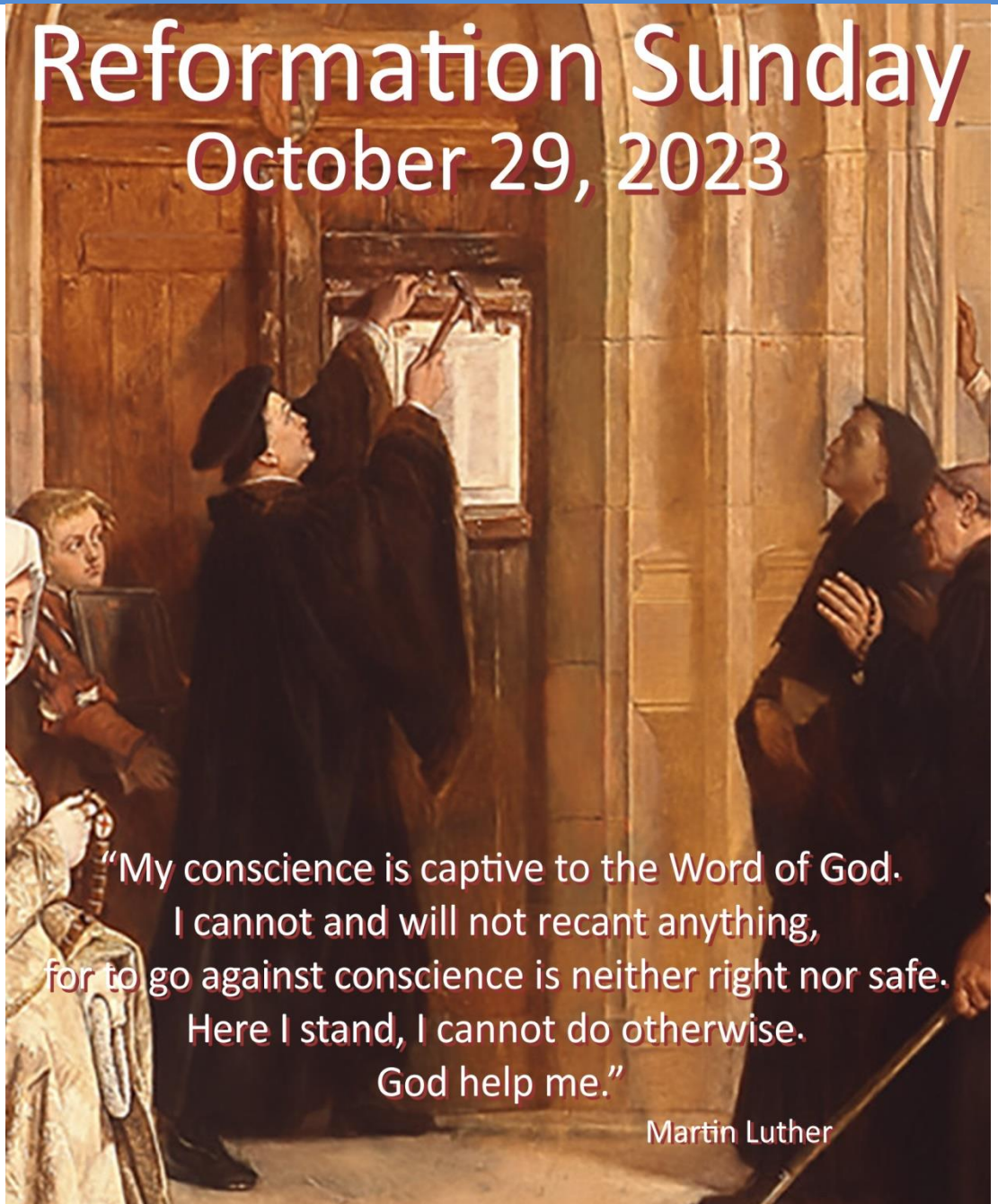
Filomena Thomas,
Nursery School Director

Abby Preziosi,
Administrative
Assistant

Dr. Rex Enderlin,
Choir Director

Heather Edwards-
Wilson,
Youth Choir Director &
Organist

Reformation Sunday October 29, 2023



“My conscience is captive to the Word of God.
I cannot and will not recant anything,
for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe.
Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise.
God help me.”

Martin Luther

VISION STATEMENT OF THE NY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The New York Annual Conference through the grace of God embodies the beloved community of hope, building up a healthy body of Christ, with heart-warmed United Methodists in mission for the transformation of the world.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE NY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

We strive to share God's love by creating safe places where all are accepted and welcomed, connecting the needs of people to the presence of God, and transforming the world through Christ.

VISION STATEMENT OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LAKE RONKONKOMA

We are the church at Five Corners spreading the "Light of Christ" from ourselves to the community and the world.



Dear Members and Friends of UMCLR,

If you are an avid reader, you know that every story has many chapters. The chapters of our story here at UMC of Lake Ronkonkoma have had many heartwarming and faithful chapters before us in earlier times; we are the recipients of a strong legacy of Christian preaching, teaching and service. We too have been a part of many amazing chapters of the life of this church. We are in the midst of a Fall 2023 chapter now with many joys. Sunday School has started, we are beginning our work with new confirmands, our choirs are rehearsing again. Pumpkins soon will be arriving, we had a wonderful Auction, and we will enjoy homemade soup to support missions. These are just of a few of our celebrations. I say "Thanks be to God!" What an amazing congregation this is! This all happens because of you and your dedication and hard work. To all our volunteers and to the staff I am blessed to work with, I say "three cheers!"

I am also aware that a lot of feelings arise in all of us as we remember those who have been called home to God and are not with us in the same way in this and other new chapters ahead. I believe our loved ones and beloved church members now in the Church Triumphant are with us in spirit still! Nevertheless, they are dearly missed. We are also in ongoing prayer for those who are experiencing health challenges and their family members. This can also be heavy on our hearts because as Christians we are people of compassion who seek to offer care and support to others, and when people hurt, we hurt.

So, in addition to enjoying the programming at church and the comfort that taking part and serving the community together brings, I want to encourage you to talk to me or to one of our church members if you are going through grief or experiencing

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October 1
18th Sunday
after Pentecost

Exod 17:1-7
Ps 78:1-4, 12-16
(UMH 799)
Phil 2:1-13
Matt 21:23-32

October 8
19th Sunday after
Pentecost

Exod 10:1-4, 7-9, 12:20
Ps 19 (UMH 750)
Phil 3:4b-14
Matt 21:33-46

October 15
20th Sunday after
Pentecost

Exod 33:12-23
Ps 99 (UMH 819)
Phil 4:1-9
Matt 22:1-14

October 22
21st Sunday after
Pentecost

Exod 33:12-23
Ps 99 (UMH 819)
1 Thess 1:1-10
Matt 22:15-22

October 29
Reformation Sunday

Deut 34:1-12
Ps 90 1-6, 13-17
(UMH 789)
1 Thess 2:1-8
Matt 22:34-46

difficulties of any kind in this chapter of your life. I also want to recommend support groups. I have seen such groups make a huge difference in the lives of those who are bereaved, whether family of someone who has passed or friends going through loss. There are specific groups for different kinds of grief and challenging situations: support for those with specific types of illness and their families, support for those who have lost a loved one to suicide or overdose, support for those who have lost a spouse, support for those who have lost a parent, support for survivors of abuse. The list goes on. If you need help finding a support group that is right for you, I would be happy to make a referral. Know you are not alone and it is healthy to acknowledge your feelings and talk with others in a caring, supportive environment. It is not a weakness to build in extra support for yourself, and pastoral counsel is confidential, as are support groups. Therapists are another resource who can assess how you are doing and offer further referrals and tools for navigating tough chapters.

There is a reason Jesus sent his followers out in groups and pairs to minister in the world. We are created to be social beings, interdependent with others. One of our church's greatest strengths, I believe, is how our members come alongside one another in all seasons of life and how many opportunities are presented to spend time together: in small groups and as a whole congregation. In what is often a lonely world, UMC of Lake Ronkonkoma provides meaningful and caring connection to God and to others and can help you and others you meet and invite to our church avoid going it alone. For that, I give God praise and thanks! It is no small gift of God being expressed through the people of UMC of Lake Ronkonkoma. And you are part of that gift to others! Keep up the great work for the Lord. "God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God... (1 John 4:16)

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Karen Burger

Ongoing Missions:

The Food Pantry is open on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month (except holidays) from 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Support Groups:

Narcotics Anonymous
Mondays - 7:00 pm
Thursdays - 7:30 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall

Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesdays - 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.
Fridays - 8:00 p.m.

Please call our church office at 631-588-5856 for further information.



Martha's Place

Thrift Shop

631-981-9749

Hours:

Mondays
10 am - 2 pm

Tuesdays
10 am - 2 pm

Fridays
10 am - 2 pm

Saturdays
10 am - 2 pm



Martha's Place Thrift Shop

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Summer is over and our Thrift Shop is ready for fall! We are looking forward to the annual Pumpkin Patch and Halloween. We already have children's costumes and some larger ones for adults on the racks, but you need to come in to check them out!!! We also have Halloween and fall decorations as well, a wide selection of housewares, jewelry and keepsakes for sale. We are open Mon. Tues. Fri. and Sat. from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Also, fall and winter clothing is now available. Thank you again for your donations which help keep our shop open and up to date. We are still looking for 1 or 2 volunteers to help. If you are interested in helping, please contact me.

In GOD'S service,
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers



Martha's Place Thrift Shop
Fall & Winter Apparel
Housewares - Jewelry
Keepsakes
Christmas Merchandise
Arrives November 1st

Open
Monday - Tuesday
Friday - Saturday
10:00 - 2:00

GOOD



UMCLR SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Mr. Matthew Wells
Principle
Cayuga Elementary School

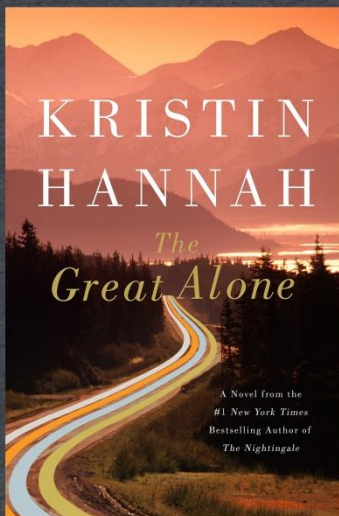


Mr. Thomas Desmond-Principle
Ms. Rebecca Raleigh
Wenonah Elementary School

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



NEWS



Join us for our next
Book Discussion
Monday, October 9th
at 2 p.m. at the Church

We will be discussing
"The Great Alone"
by
Kristin Hannah

A desperate family seeks a new beginning in the near-isolated wilderness of Alaska only to find that their unpredictable environment is less threatening than the erratic behavior found in human nature.

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These names are offered each month. It is an opportunity to extend to our friends and loved ones the love of Christ on these special days, and to express our thanks for the gift of their presence in our midst.

If you would like to be on our birthday list, please call the church office at (631) 588-5856 and we will gladly add your name.

- 6 Samuel Corvaia**
 - 7 Ryan Pearl**
 - 7 River Edwards-Wilson**
 - 10 Thomas Bullock**
 - 11 Pegi Germain**
 - 12 Jacqueline Paynter**
 - 14 Ron Burger**
 - 14 Tina Filiberto**
 - 14 Rich Tom**
 - 15 Stephen Duffy Corvaia**
 - 16 Angelique Sinclair**
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L'Amour de la Flute Choir
Presents a concert of
secular and sacred
music
October 22, 2023
5:00 PM
The United Methodist Church of
Lake Ronkonkoma
792 Hawkins Avenue
Lake Grove, New York 11755
631-588-5856
The concert benefits the UMCLR Food Pantry

Food Pantry Donations Needed

Boxed Milk	Paper Towels
Juice	Facial Tissues
Canned Fruit	Toilet Paper
Breakfast Cereal	Tooth Paste
Soup	Toothbrushes
Canned Tuna	Shampoo
Tomato Sauce	
Spaghetti	
Macaroni & Cheese	
Peanut Butter & Jelly	
Mayonnaise	

Supermarket Gift Cards

E D U C A T I O N

Greetings from the Education Work Area,

We welcomed our children and youth back to Sunday School, Youth Group, Confirmation, and Children's Choir in September. Please be sure to return your registration form if you took it home to insure we have the most accurate information to contact you. It is not too late to join us and be a part of our programs. Our leaders and teachers are happy to welcome your children to join them.

Our Elementary Sunday School children will be invited to begin class in the sanctuary on certain Sundays. Pastor delivered a wonderful children's message about the Bible this past Sunday in anticipation of presenting Bibles to our third graders. She reminded all of us of how the Bible instructs and encourages us to live as God's people. Sunday School is a special place where we learn about this.

We look forward to hearing our Children's choir sing this month. They began rehearsals the last Wednesday in September.

Our Secondary Sunday School will focus on making our youth comfortable participants in our church service and missions as they attend the Worship Service on Communion Sunday and take notes on the sermon to use in discussion the following week in their class. They will also follow the confirmation studies to enhance what is taught on Wednesday evenings.

The Youth Group has begun. Please refer to the calendar as they will meet twice a month. Focus will be on fellowship and mission activities.

Confirmation class students will be working with parents and sponsors to fulfill their service commitments as well as engaging in studies twice a month on Wednesday. Please consider sponsoring a confirmation student. We are looking to have a Covenant Service with students, parents and sponsors on October 11 at 7:00. At this time we will outline the program and ask for all involved to commit to following it.

We are looking forward to a busy year of engaging our young people in learning and activities that grow their faith.

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Education Chair

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Confirmation Class



Every other



Wednesday Evening

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

(Twice per month)

Meeting dates:

2023

September 13th and 27th

October 4th and 18th

November 1st and 15th

December 13th and 20th

2024

January 10th and 24th

February 7th and 28th

March 6th and 20th

April 3rd and 17th

May 8th and 22nd

June 5th

Immediately following United Methodist Youth

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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Youth Programs Available

Sunday School Youth Choir United Methodist Youth Confirmation Class

For more information on our Youth Programs call:
(631) 588-5856



Little Angels Music

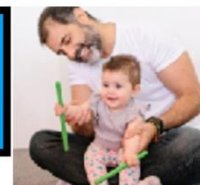


Sing! Dance!

Pray! Play!



Friday, October 6, 2023
6:15 PM
(at the church)



Bring a snack to share - if you wish

Come Join Us!
Pumpkin
Pallet Placement
Thursday
October 12, 2023

Call the office for more information

Virtual Prayer Meeting

Every
Wednesday
8:00 AM

Please email the Pastor at
revburger51@gmail.com
for the link



Come join us as we discuss the Upper Room reading for that Wednesday, and continue our prayers for those who are in need. This is a wonderful way to focus on your communication with God and become closer to members of your church family, as they share their thoughts, praises, petitions, prayers and faith.

The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

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Staff Parish Pastor Relations Committee (SPPRC)

John 14:16, *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever.*

Our congregation and prayer list are filled with our brothers and sisters facing difficulties, such as:

- Serious illness
- Health conditions
- Mental health issues
- Loss and grief
- Loneliness and isolation
- Financial insecurity

And this list does not encompass all the challenges being faced.

So, how does our church offer support? Sunday Services, Food Pantry, Thrift Shop, Wednesday Prayer Meeting, Prayer List, Good News, Pastoral care, and visitation to name a few.

So, how do you support others? Maybe you could consider volunteering for one of the church's committees, missions, make visitations, phone calls, etc. Maybe you could suggest new ways to reach out and help others.

This Fall, let us not be complacent but continue to cultivate kindness, compassion, and helpfulness.

In Christ,

SPPRC members



The flowers on the altar are available to purchase each week in honor or in memory of loved ones. Please call the church office at 631-588-5856 to make arrangements.

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Soup Sunday VIII

October 1, 2023

(After Worship Service)

**Choose Your Favorites
From Many
Delicious Varieties
On Sale**

Pre-order & Take Home
Enjoy!

Sponsored by: The Missions, Evangelization & Nurture Committee



**“The Pumpkins Are
Coming!”**

**Saturday,
October 14, 2023**

For more information
call:
(631) 588-5856



The United Methodist Church of Lake Konkoma
792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove “At 5 Corners”



We had a very successful auction! The UMM provided food for the multitudes with our newest addition, sausage and peppers – Delicious!

The men had their first breakfast for the fiscal year and there was much to talk about. We are looking forward to the upcoming year with what we are involved in and can't wait to start!

Dennis Subbiondo
President UMM

Please join us!



Sunday
October 15, 2023

UMM
UNITED METHODIST MEN

**FELLOWSHIP
BREAKFAST**

7:30 AM

The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

The complex block features a background image of a breakfast plate with scrambled eggs, sausage, and peppers. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image. The event details include the day (Sunday), date (October 15, 2023), the UMM logo, the event name (FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST), the time (7:30 AM), and the location (The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma).

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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Thank you to everyone for making our September meeting a success! Thanks to Eileen T. for arranging for our guest speaker!

IN OCTOBER WE WILL MEET ON.....

Monday October 16 at 7 pm - we will sell pumpkins , have a business meeting, have some fun and games and refreshments !

November 13 --TBD

December 11 -Christmas Gathering !!

Barb C & Tessa T

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United
Women
in Faith

Please join us
October 16, 2023
7:00 PM
for a very special
Program & Fellowship

The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

Church Leaders

Wendy Duffy



I was born at Flushing Hospital in Queens. When I was two we moved to East Northport and became part of the Union United Methodist Church family in East Northport, where my grandparents were members. One of my favorite memories is Vacation

Bible School. Each year at "VBS," my grandmother would serve the kids juice and cookies, and my mom taught and was a director. When we moved to Fort Salonga we stayed at the East Northport church because that was our home.


I apparently like to do things in twos: I have two younger sisters - Jill and Pamela (Pamela is in Heaven), have two daughters - Sharon and Nancy, two grandsons - Stephen and Sam and two granddaughters - Amelia and Olivia, my husband Tom is two years older than I, (we met at Kings Park High School) and I have two graduate degrees, one in Education and the other in School Business. I was an accountant for 10+ years in private industry and then had a 30-year career in School Business. With eighteen of those years as an Assistant Superintendent for Business. I retired in 2018 from West Islip School District.

I was a Girl Scout Leader and have held several roles at UMCLR. I have been an active member at UMCLR since 1978 when Tom and I moved from Kings Park to Centereach.



For the past, several years I have held two volunteer positions at UMCLR, Youth Group Leader and Church Treasurer. Though these roles are a commitment of time, I have enjoyed the

friendships that have grown from these responsibilities. I find that when I contribute my time and talents I am rewarded 10-fold with grace and fulfillment.



Columbus Day 2023

“No one should fear to undertake any task in the name of our Savior if it is just and if the intention is purely for His holy service.”

Christopher Columbus

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Saturday,
October 28th

12:00 - 2:00

Come Join In
The Fun!

UMCLR at 5 Corners



**G A M E
N I G H T**

Friday, October 20, 2023

7:00 PM

(Meet at BLD's at 5:00 PM)

Enjoy a game of your choice or play one of ours.
Come, laugh, and have fun.

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SAUERBRATEN DINNER

SPONSORED BY THE UNITED METHODIST MEN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH
6:00 PM



TICKET PRICES:

Adults & Youth \$20.00
Children under 12 \$17.00
Children under 5 Free

For Tickets Call The Church Office At: (631) 588-5856

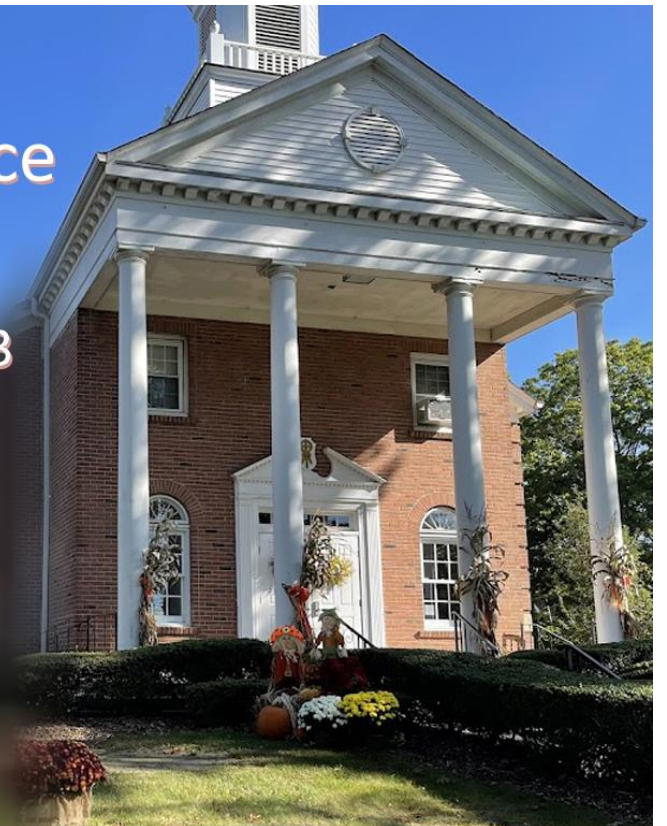


Charge Conference

Saturday
November 11, 2023
10:00 AM

Christ UMC

545 Old Town Road
Port Jefferson Station
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Joseph Quiz

1. **What are the names of Joseph's parents?**
a. Isaac and Rebekah b. Jacob and Rachel c. Jacob and Leah d. Jacob and Bilhah
2. **What is the first recorded dream of Joseph?**
a. Sheaves of wheat bowing down to other sheaves b. Seven thin cows eating seven fat cows
c. The sun, moon and stars bowing down to him
3. **What did Joseph's brothers do to him?**
a. Kill him b. Beat him up c. Give him money d. Throw him in a pit and then sell him
4. **What did Jacob think had happened to Joseph?**
a. He had run away b. An evil beast devoured him c. Strangers stole him away
5. **What is the name of Joseph's master in Egypt?**
a. Ben-amer b. Neferti c. Potiphar d. Oner
6. **In prison, for whom did Joseph interpret dreams?**
a. The butler & Baker b. The Captain of the Guard c. The jailer d. Pharaoh
7. **What did Pharaoh's dream of good and bad ears of wheat represent?**
a. seven years of war b. seven years of plenty followed by seven years of drought
8. **What name did Pharaoh give to Joseph?**
a. Israel b. Belteshazzar c. Zaphnath-paaneah d. Asenath-potipherah
9. **Why did Joseph's brothers go to Egypt?**
a. To buy cloth b. To buy corn c. To seek their fortunes d. Jacob sent them to find Joseph
10. **In Egypt, what did Joseph say to his brothers at their first meeting?**
a. Welcome b. Does your father yet live? c. You are spies!
11. **What did Joseph put in Benjamin's sack?**
a. A golden statue b. 20 pieces of silver c. His corn money & his silver cup
12. **Which brother did Joseph imprison while the others returned to Jacob?**
a. Simeon b. Reuben c. Benjamin d. Judah e. Asher
13. **What did Joseph send to his father?**
a. 20 donkeys b. 20 camels c. 10 goats & 10 fatted calves
14. **Why did Pharaoh give Joseph's family the land of Goshen?**
a. They were farmers b. They were shepherds, which are an abomination to the Egyptians
15. **How old was Joseph when he died?**
a. 90 b. 100 c. 110 d. 120

1. b, 2. a, 3. d, 4. b, 5. c, 6. a, 7. b, 8. c, 9. b, 10. c, 11. c, 12. a, 13. a, 14. b, 15. c

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2023 Grand Fall Auction



Words alone can not express our gratitude to each and everyone of you who helped make this years

**Grand Fall Auction
&
Yard Sale**

a resounding success.
Thank you one and all!

The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



Grand Fall Auction

September 9, 2023



The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

History Comes Alive

At The

United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma



The Rev. William John Boone was born in Washington, Pennsylvania on June 21, 1931. Rev. Boone grew up in Ohio where his father operated a general store/ post office/gas station and his mother taught school. As a teen in high school, he was an outstanding athlete playing football, basketball and baseball.

He was awarded a Bachelor of Divinity degree at the Theological School of Drew University, Madison, N. J. He attended Union Theological Seminary in New York City for post-graduate study and was ordained to the ministry May 29th, 1955. During the academic year 1955- 56, he studied at

the University of Heidelberg in Germany on a fellowship grant from the Tipple Fund of Drew University. Rev. Boone did additional post-graduate study at Yale University Divinity School in 1956-1957.

Rev. Boone became pastor of the Methodist Church at the Five Corners on July 1, 1959, taking the place of the retiring Rev. Harold Sabin. Mr. Boone received the appointment to the Lake Ronkonkoma Church from Bishop Frederick B. Newell. In February 1961 Rev. Boone organized a meeting which both members and non-members were urged to attend regarding "The life and faith of the Parish". He considered this meeting an "opportunity for each and all to exercise our ministry in a fellowship of shared interest and concern for the body of Christ in Lake Ronkonkoma."

On January 20, 1961, Mrs. Boone gave birth to a son named, Thomas Stewart. The Woman's Society of Christian Service gave a savings bond to the new baby.

In 1962, Rev Boone left Lake Ronkonkoma to become chaplain-resident at the Hartford Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut. The Official Board extended their best wishes and appreciation to the Boones on their new venture.

In 1963 Rev Boone was appointed and became the first Chaplain at the newly opened Protestant Chapel at Kennedy International Airport.

In 1974 he was appointed Senior Chaplain and Department Head at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

In 1980, after suffering a massive stroke, Rev. Boone and his wife retired to their home in Essex, Connecticut where he died on June 9, 1984.

At his funeral service it was said that "We all share beautiful memories of him and the ways in which God enriched our lives through the impact of his very special personality. "

R. N. N O T E S



Health Signs and Symptoms to Watch & Act Upon

Sometimes we ignore new symptoms; changes in our health. This is rarely a good decision. Early detection is the key for either a cure or reduction in a condition or disease.

ANY OF THE BELOW COULD INDICATE A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN YOUR HEALTH AND LIFE SPAN

Cardiac Issues:

Chest pain
Sudden shortness of breath not resolved with rest

Circulatory:

Swelling in lower extremities or feet
Discoloration of shins (blue or red blotches or shiny skin)
Discoloration of feet

Digestive / Bowels:

Changes in bowel function
Blood in stool
Pain or indigestion
Abdominal pain

Respiratory:

Inability to do simple tasks without losing breath such as walking, doing laundry, climbing a flight of stairs, puffing during everyday activities, discoloration of lips and or nose

Skin:

Sudden extremely dry flakey skin not related to sun burn
Blotching, red or discolored skin on face, neck or chest
Spots: Brown, black (any color) not related to trauma

Mood / Temperament:

Memory loss or increased loss of memory that interferes with activities during daily living
Sudden sustained loss of appetite or unscheduled weight loss
Mood changes that are persistent and not relieved by conversations or time spent with family & friends
Self-isolation
Inability to interact with others
Sadness, anxiety, depression, extreme loneliness

Any of the above could indicate a significant change in your health and life span.

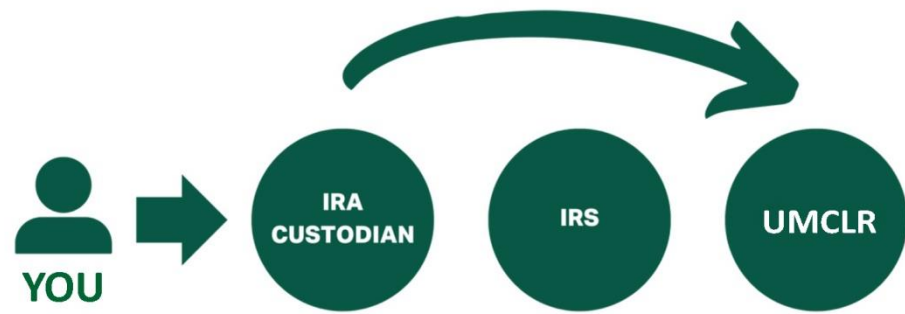
PLEASE SEEK APPROPRIATE HELP

Helen M. Morley RN



FINANCE

Qualified Charitable Contribution



Save on your taxes with your donation to the Lake Ronkonkoma United Methodist Church with a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). You can sell shares from your mutual funds or brokerage account to donate to a qualified charity (for which our church is one).

- A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is not subject to ordinary federal income taxes – the amount is simply excluded from your taxable income. In general, QCDs must be reduced by deductible IRA contributions made for the year you reach age 70½ or later. If you have made deductible IRA contributions for the year you turn 70½ or later, consult a qualified tax advisor prior to taking a QCD to determine the amount by which your QCD must be reduced.

About taking a qualified charitable distribution for your required minimum distribution (RMD)

- Your QCD counts towards satisfying your RMD once you reach RMD age.
- Up to a maximum of \$100,000 of your RMD can be donated to a qualified charity.
- If you have the RMD service, be sure to factor in these donations to avoid distributing more than your annual RMD.
- Qualified charitable distributions are counted for the tax year in which they are taken.

Example.

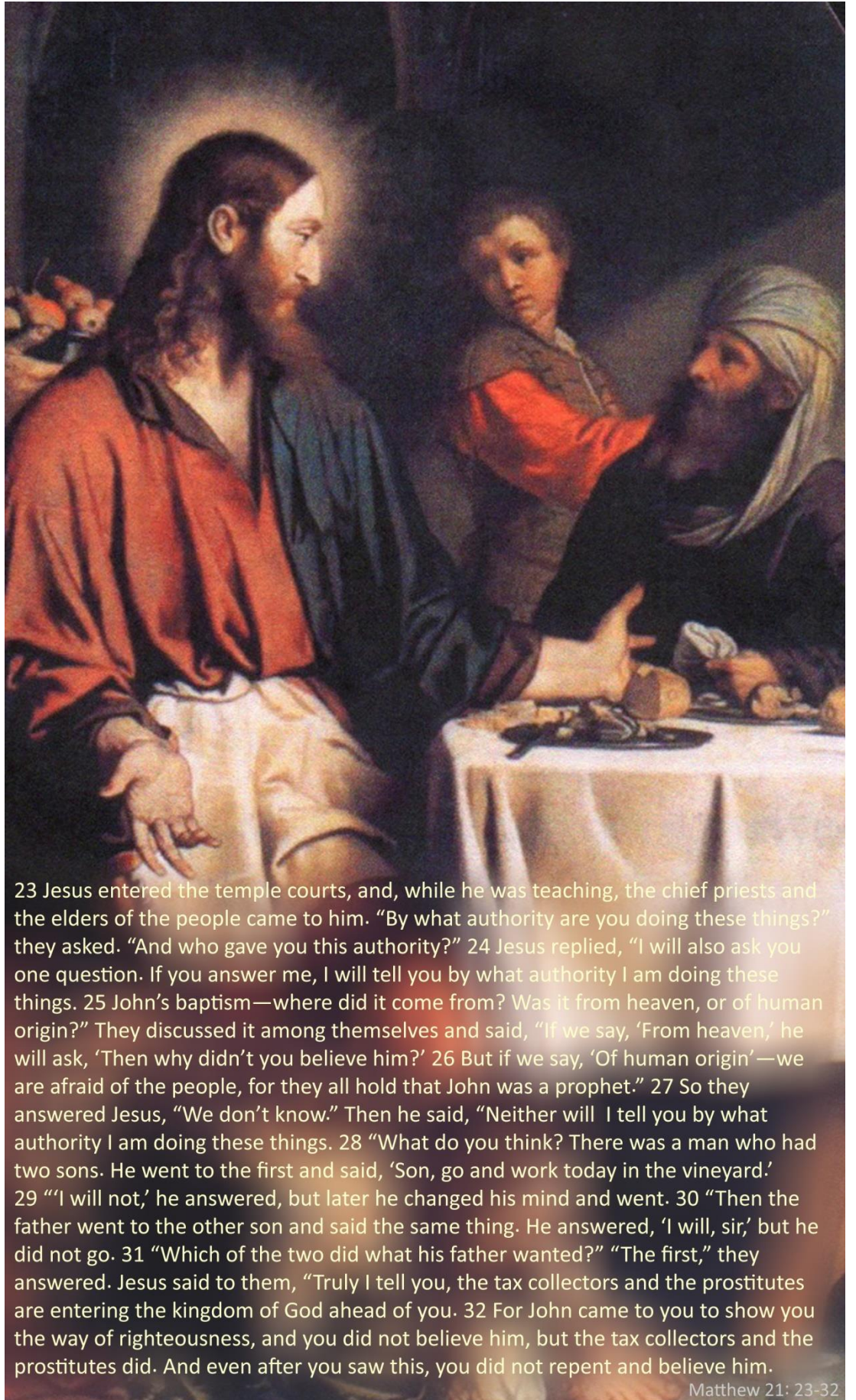
We are required to take an RMD each year from our IRA. We request that a QCD be made to satisfy a portion of our yearly RMD. A check for the requested amount is sent to our address with the name of the church as the payee. We then give this check to the church to satisfy a portion of our gift and tithe for the year.

OCTOBER 1



17 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?" 3 But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" 4 Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5 The LORD answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

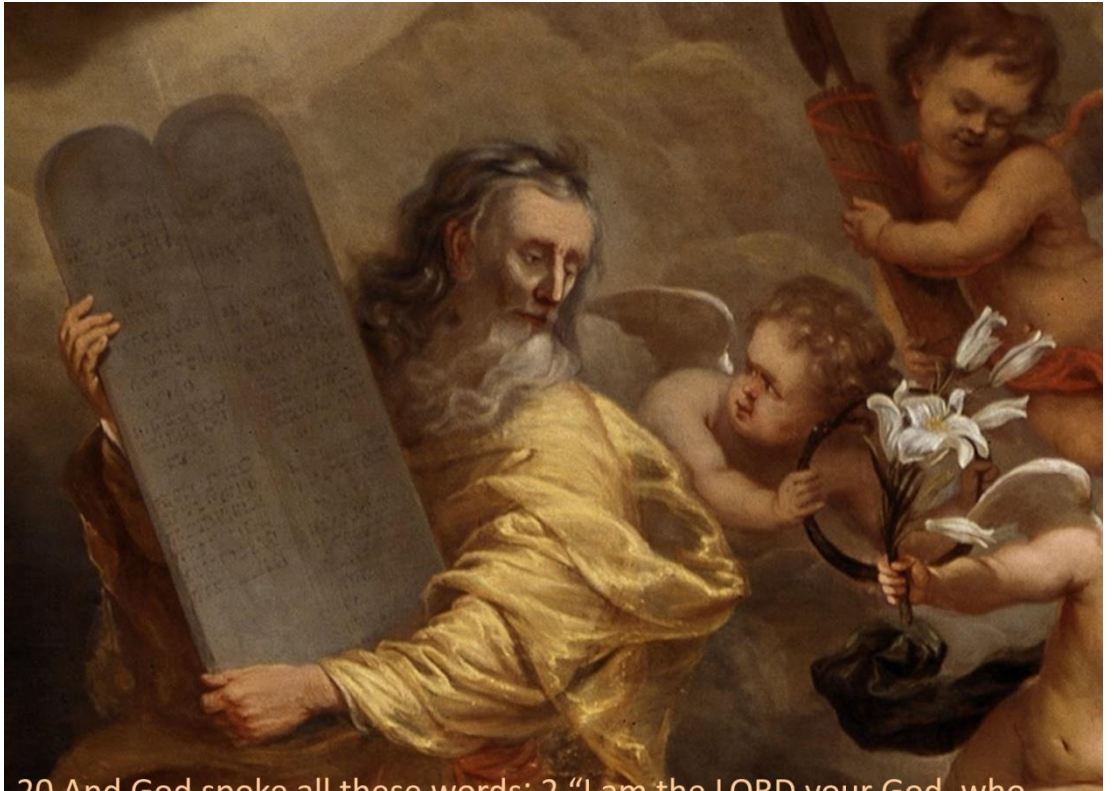
Exodus 17: 1-7



23 Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?” 24 Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 25 John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?” They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ 26 But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” 27 So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.” Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 28 “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’ 29 “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. 30 “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go. 31 “Which of the two did what his father wanted?” “The first,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

Matthew 21: 23-32

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20 And God spoke all these words: 2 “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

3 “You shall have no other gods before me.

4 “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

7 “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

8 “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God.

12 “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

13 “You shall not murder.

14 “You shall not commit adultery.

15 “You shall not steal.

16 “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

17 “You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

18 When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear.

They stayed at a distance 19 and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

20 Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

Exodus 20

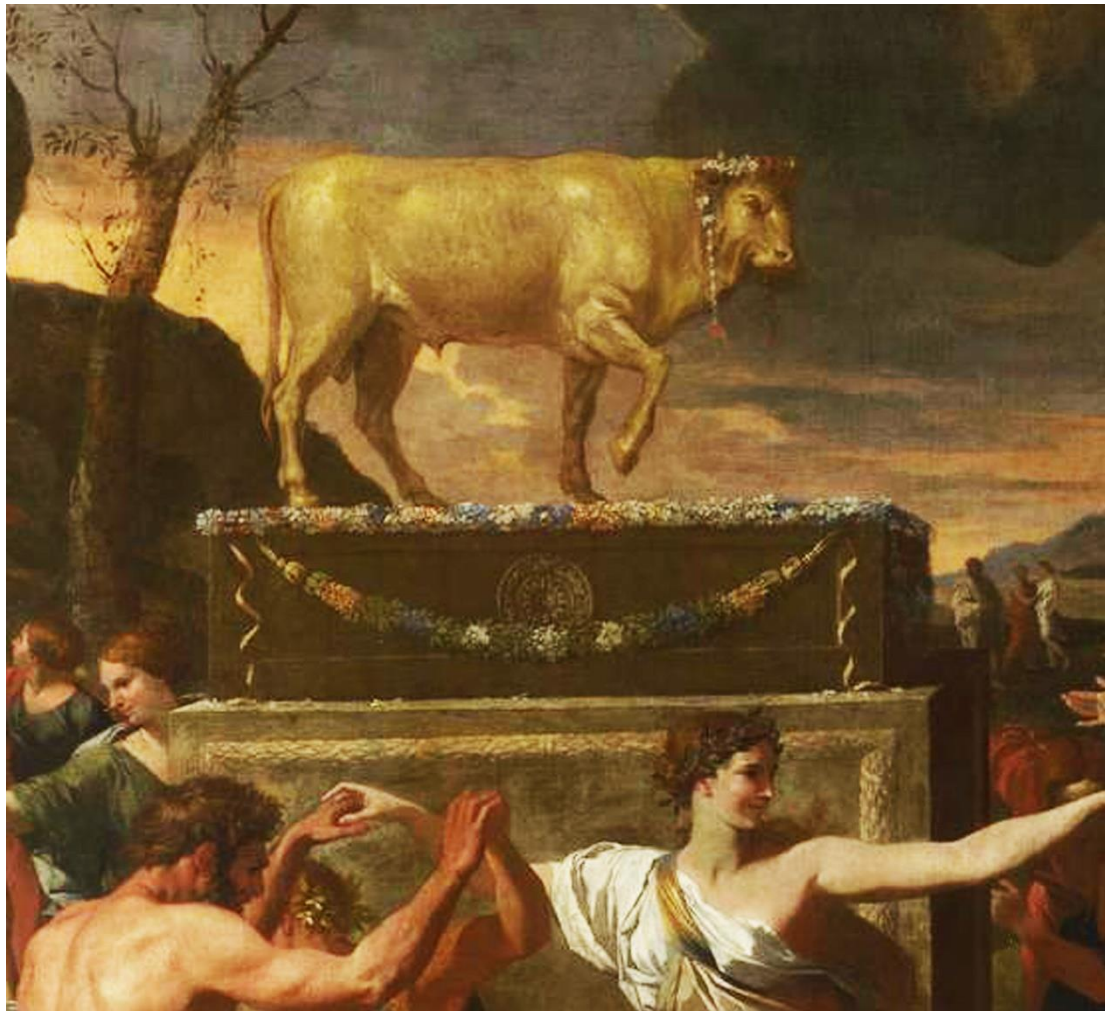


33 "Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. 34 When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. 35 "The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. 36 Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. 37 Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. 38 "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' 39 So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41 "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time." 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?" 43 "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. 44 Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed." 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. 46 They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

Matthew 21: 33-46

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32 When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him." 2 Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." 5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD." 7 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. 8 They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it. 9 "I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. 10 Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. 11 But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. "LORD," he said, " why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. 13 Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'" 14 Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Exodus 32



22 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: 2 “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. 4 “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ 5 “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. 6 The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. 9 So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ 10 So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 12 He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless. 13 “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ 14 “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

Matthew 22: 1-14

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12 Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' 13 If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people." 14 The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." 15 Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. 16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" 17 And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name." 18 Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." 19 And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live." 21 Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. 22 When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

Exodus 33: 12-23



15 Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. 16 They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. 17 Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?” 18 But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? 19 Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, 20 and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” 21 “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.” 22 When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

Matthew 22: 15-22

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34 Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the LORD showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, 2 all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, 3 the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. 4 Then the LORD said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.” 5 And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. 6 He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. 7 Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. 8 The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over. 9 Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses. 10 Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, 11 who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. 12 For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12



34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. 35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" 37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Whose Son Is the Messiah? 41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied. 43 He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says, 44 "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.'" 45 If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" 46 No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Matthew 22: 34-46

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