

Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022

Scripture Reading: Luke 19:28-40

*Life is full of ups and downs. Glorify God during the ups
and fully trust in him during the downs. —Unknown*

Christopher. It's not a common name, but it is not uncommon either. Can you think of some famous "Christophers" from the present day and the past?

Perhaps you thought of Christopher Columbus (15th-century explorer), or the actors Christopher Reeve (Superman), Christopher Plummer, Christopher Walken or Christopher Lee (Count Dracula). Christopher Cross is a singer, and Christopher Wren was the 17th-century architect of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. Of course, there's the fictional Christopher Robin of Winnie-the-Pooh fame, a character based on the real Christopher Robin Milne, the son of the author A.A. Milne.

There's one more Christopher we should mention. This is the name of the young donkey that carried Jesus into Jerusalem. Yes, we have given the little colt this name, but it is not an arbitrary decision. The name "Christopher" means "Christ-bearer." And this animal can teach us a lot, *because she is the creature that carries Christ into the world.*

Today is an opportunity to take the name Christopher (*Christophera*, feminine) as our own. By doing so, we commit to bearing Christ to the world. Being Christopher means:

- Serving Christ. Being a faithful servant can be a burden.
- Serving Christ humbly without caring who gets the glory.
- Following Christ's direction; to go where he wants to go, not where we want to go.
- Not getting spooked by the crowds, the noise, the attention.
- Taking Christ into enemy territory.
- Never asking Christ to "get off our backs."
- Being obedient to the will of the One who holds the reins.

If we can do this and model our lives on the one character in this melodrama that deserves emulation, we will discover the joy that comes from carrying Christ.

We'll know the glory of hearing hosannas, the thrill of close contact with Jesus, the excitement of accepting a challenge and the deep satisfaction of knowing that we are walking in the way of God. There's no better role we could be asked to perform. —Timothy Merrill

Prayer: O God, may I be a bearer of Christ to the world today and every day. Amen.

*Blessings on Palm Sunday
Hosanna!
Lisa & Pastor Ben Miller*

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Luke 4-6

Monday: Joshua 4-6

Tuesday: Joshua 7-9

Wednesday: Joshua 10-12

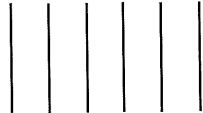
Thursday: Joshua 13-15

Friday: Joshua 16-18

Saturday: Psalms 34-36

BRAIN DRAIN

You are given the following:



Add five line segments to make 9. See answer below.

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ANSWERS to Test Your Bible IQ: 1E, 2C, 3C, 4C, 5D, 6C, 7E, 8A, 9A, 10D

ANSWER to BRAIN DRAIN: NINE (Add a slanting segment twice, and three horizontal segments to get NINE.)

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ!

Knowledge is acquired in many ways. One approach is to review what has already been mastered. See if you remember the correct responses to the questions below. These questions review and connect with many well-known stories in the Bible. Answers below.

- All of these are part of the story of Noah except: A. a dove, B. a rainbow, C. an olive branch, D. a raven, E. an apple. (Genesis 6-9)
- Hagar was the handmaid to this matriarch: A. Bathsheba, B. Ruth, C. Sarai, D. Rebekah, E. Rachel. (Genesis 16)
- King David succeeded: A. Solomon, B. Samson, C. Saul, D. Isaiah, E. Jeremiah. (1 Samuel 18)
- Which person is mismatched? A. Gideon/trumpet, B. Moses /burning bush, C. Joseph/slingshot, D. Daniel/lions. (1 Samuel 17)
- Which biblical figure's faith was tested by many trials? A. Adam, B. Moses, C. Noah, D. Job, E. Solomon.
- Jacob saw angels going up and down a: A. highway, B. bridge, C. ladder or stairway, D. mountain, E. tree. (Genesis 28)
- Elisha healed the waters of Jericho by putting this into the spring: A. blood, B. an olive, C. wine, D. sand, E. salt. (2 Kings 2:19-22)
- In the Old Testament, Zion refers to: A. a city, B. heaven, C. a prophet, D. a name for God. (Psalm 48:1-2)
- The Bible says that all but which river flowed through the Garden of Eden? A. Jordan, B. Tigris, C. Gihon, D. Pishon, E. Euphrates. (Genesis 2:10-14)
- Nebuchadnezzar was responsible for the destruction of: A. the hanging gardens, B. the wall of Jericho, C. the city of Sodom, D. the temple at Jerusalem. (2 Kings 25:8-12)