

Sunday	May 21	May 28
Song leader	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Jr. Conner	Joe Green
Songleader	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Nick Graham
Opening prayer	Ken Thomas	Tim Wldron
Table service	Tim Waldron	Tim Waldron
	Cole Gordon	Cole Gordon
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
	TJ Waldron	TJ Waldron
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	Junior Conner

Rented Space - A Prayer

Randal Matheny, missionary in Brazil

Lord, our houses are so full, we're renting space to store our extra stuff. And that's what it is -- stuff! Every room overflowing with clothing, accessories, trophies, bric-a-brac, gadgets, stuffed animals, bats and balls. We're the packrats of the world.

Worse, our lives are like our houses. Too much to do, too many places to go, too many cars and appliances to maintain and fix, too many appointments to keep, too many chores to check off our to-do list.

But there's no place to rent more "space" for our lives. No more time, no more energy, no more effort to contract through the yellow pages.

In all the crowding, the first thing to go is our relationship with you.

Lord, there's only one solution: to chunk whole trunks of our past, present, and future to open up space for you to return and take over.

Would you come do that for me today?

Because Jesus made space for me. Amen.

Sick and Injured News

Laura Singleton has been moved to receive rehab in Manchester. Keep our other recovering members in prayer.

Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes AM	PM	Cont.	Wed.
04/09	22	23	27	\$508 25
04/16	25*	50*	28	\$571 23
04/23	??	27	22	\$772 22
04/30	25	41	24	? 18
05/07	14	34	30	\$517 14
05/14	22	32		21
Goals	26	45	36	35

(Cont. from front - "Ice") - And what about Peter? Did he just happen to jump out of the boat and onto the same patch of ice upon which Jesus was walking?

Friends, it amazes me how unwilling some are to accept the reality of the miraculous. Rather than accepting the miracles as recorded in the Bible, people place themselves in unenviable position of espousing theories that require more "faith" than the miracles themselves.

I'm of the opinion that the only "ice" involved in this story is the "thin ice" upon which these researchers are walking. What do you think?

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May 21, 2006

Jesus Walked On Ice?

By Steve Higginbotham

April 11, 2006



Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM

Worship 11 AM

6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7 PM

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Visitors

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Welcome

An oceanographer from the Florida State University and his colleagues suggested this week that rather than walking on water, Jesus may have walked on a "hard-to-see patch of ice."

In Matthew 14:22-33, the Bible teaches that Jesus walked on water, and approached his disciples who were in a boat in the middle of the sea, being tossed by the waves. According to the text, when the disciples saw Jesus approaching, Peter jumped out of the boat and walked on the water to join Jesus.

But how, one may ask, could such a feat take place? Ah, according to these researchers, they were not walking on water at all, but instead were simply walking on a patch of ice. No miracle, but rather a natural explanation.

Really? Wonder how Jesus kept his balance on this small patch of ice in the middle of a storm tossed sea? Sounds more like it would require surfing rather than walking. If this event is to be understood by mere natural explanations, then what was Jesus doing walking on a patch of ice in the middle of the Sea of Galilee during the "fourth watch of the night" (that is, the pre-dawn hours of the early morning)? (Cont. On back)



Questions for week of May 21, 2006

1. What Old Testament prophet predicted that the Lord would bring civil war to Egypt and that they would be ruled by a fierce king?
2. What cleanly dressed people are slated to walk with Jesus according to a New Testament passage?
3. It is God's will that we give thanks, but to what limit? (Check the "give thanks" passages.)
4. Flies in distant Egyptian rivers and Assyrian bees represent the armies that would invade and land in deserted valleys, empty holes in rocks, and on plants. How would God summon them?
5. What mourning father was accused of loving his enemies and hating his friends?
6. In Hebrews 10 a reference is made to a book where something is written. Where is the "book" that is referenced in this passage?

Answers for week of May 14, 2006

1. Who copied the law of Moses on stones in the presence of the Israelites?
Answer: Joshua. (Joshua 8:30-32)
30 Then Joshua built an altar unto the LORD God of Israel in mount Ebal, 31 As Moses the servant of the Lord commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lifted up any iron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto

the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings. 32 And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel

2. Who killed a man that was digitally overly equipped (in reference to fingers and toes)?
Answer: Jonathan the son of Shimeah the brother of David.

2 Samuel 21: 19 And there was again a battle in Gath with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim, a Bethlehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. 20 And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant. 21 And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimeah the brother of David slew him.

---1 Chronicles 20

3. What two famous Old Testament characters listed the sons of Israel and expressed his "blessing" upon them (and their descendants) concerning the future? (There may have been others but I know at least two.)
Answer: Jacob (Israel) and Moses.

Jacob gathered his sons to tell them what would happen to them in the future. Shortly after that, he died. Genesis 49 records this. Moses also predicted the fate of the tribes right before his death. These are given in Deuteronomy 33. I will not record both texts, but urge you to read them on your own.

4. A high place (in the Old Testament) was an elevated place that was used for idolatrous practices. At one place it is said that the altars at one high place would have nuisance plants growing up on them and the altars are described

in scripture as talking to the mountains. What did they say to them?

Answer: "Cover us" . . .and to the hills they said ," "Fall on us."

The nuisance plants are thorns and thistles that will come up on their altars. *Now that I look at the text closer, it may be those plants rather than the altars that are requesting to be covered. What do you think?*

(Hosea 10:8) The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.

Other passages where there is a request for the hills and mountains to be a cover:

(Luke 23:28-30) But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. {29} For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. {30} Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.

(Rev 6:14-17) And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. {15} And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; {16} And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: {17} For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

5. What was the ORIGINAL name of a king whose eyes were put out?

Answer: Mattaniah (references are on answer 7)

6. Who had made him king and changed his name? (See #5)

Answer: Nebuchadnezzar

2 Ki 24:17-18 KJV) "And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah. {18} Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah."

(2 Ki 25:1-7) "And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it: and they built forts against it round about. {2} And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. {3} And on the ninth day of the fourth month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land. {4} And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees were against the city round about:) and the king went the way toward the plain. {5} And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him. {6} So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him. {7} And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon."