

# Bible Quiz Newsletter

## December 2023

### **A CHRISTMAS TRUE OR FALSE QUIZ**

Can you separate fact from fiction in the Christmas story? Test your knowledge by answering "T" or "F" to each statement.

1. There are no records of Joseph speaking in the Christmas story.
2. The wise men were three kings from the orient.
3. The little drummer boy came to the manger after the other shepherds.
4. The star did not appear above the manger.
5. Jesus' ancestors include a prostitute, an adulterer, and a non-Israelite.
6. The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary first and then he appeared to Joseph.
7. Mary rode a donkey from Nazareth to Bethlehem.
8. Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem because of a decree by Caesar Augustus.

##### The answers are below #####

### **GRATITUDE CHALLENGE**

Everyone reading this has been affected by the Bible Quiz ministry in one way or another and I am sure that you have plenty of positive experiences to reflect on. I, for one, am extremely grateful for so many of the aspects of Bible Quiz –

investments made in me, investments I've been able to make in others, and time in the Scriptures. We award our top quizzers with scholarships to help them take their education even further. But to make that happen, we need the help of Bible Quiz supporters across the nation, just like me and you, who are grateful for what the ministry has done in our lives. That's why we are presenting you with this "*Gratitude Challenge*", (the last one was November 2020) asking you to contribute to the Bible Quiz Scholarship Fund, so that we can increase the amount we make available to our quizzers. **Between now and December 18, we are looking for 100 individuals** to give any amount. No amount is too small and there is no amount is too large. With all the former quizzers and coaches over the years we can surely have at least 100 people to contribute to the Scholarship Fund at this time. Can we count on you to help us in this effort?

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CHAMPIONSHIP		CONTENDER		XP5	
MEET 1	Romans 1-7	186 verses	Romans 1-5	138 verses	Romans 8 39 verses
MEET 2	Romans 8-11	129 verses	Romans 6-8	87 verses	James 1 27 verses
MEET 3	Romans 12-16	117 verses	Romans 12-14	58 verses	James 2-3 44 verses
MEET 4	James 1-5	108 verses	James 1-5	108 verses	James 4-5 37 verses
TOTAL		540 verses		391 verses	147 verses

\* No Romans 16:24

## DISCIPLESHIP BOOK: ROMANS & JAMES

"IF" by Mark Batterson

"That tiny two-letter word is the hinge on the door of possibilities. Some of us are stuck in *if only*, living lives marked by regret. But God can turn your *if only* regrets into a *what if* attitude, a faith that looks forward to the future with holy confidence. There are 1,784 *ifs* in the Bible. The most significant? "If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Romans 8:31. It's the game changer! God is always on our side-every day, in every way. That one little *if* changes everything"

## DISCIPLESHIP AWARD:

With the new Romans & James materials you will notice the more streamlined Discipleship award requirements this year. They will be more focused on actual scripture. In addition to the *Commentary* there will also be *Discussion Questions* at the end of each of the 21 chapters for Romans & James.

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

Can be found at [www.biblequiz.com](http://www.biblequiz.com)

## YOU TUBE READINGS OF ROMANS & JAMES:

I was a quizzer in the 80's and then a coach and official in the 90's  
It's called Bible Reading by Dr. B.

Romans NLT: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mcaW89Eabi4>

James NLT: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Euj4oqk8-c>

Main channel page: <https://www.youtube.com/@biblereadingbydrb>

Mark Banas

## MASTER MEMORIZATION AWARD

All of Romans & James within 55 minutes, 11 mistakes or less and must be quoted consecutively, in one sitting.

**Note change \*\***

## NATIONAL BQ FINALS:

June 29-July 5, 2024

Hyatt Regency, Dallas, Texas

We will have the National 1 on 1 Tournament for those Championship quizzers who do not make the top 40 teams.

More information will be announced in January.

## QUESTIONS FOR SALE:

Gobblefest Questions: 11 Sets of Championship; 11 Sets of Contender and 11 sets of XP5 all for only \$15.00

[ElliotBQ@gmail.com](mailto:ElliotBQ@gmail.com)

- Need a quiz set?

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## QUESTION WRITER TIPS ROMANS & JAMES:

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

Jesse Czubkowski

General Tips

Generally, questions will be easy to interrupt except Statement and Questions or Scripture-text Questions. Pay attention to what the introductory remarks say as well as what they do not say.

Knowing unique words, chapter analysis, conditional “if” statements, “let us” commands, and “do not” commands will be valuable for teams.

Application Questions will be used for Leagues 1 – 4 only

Locators will shift from section titles to chapters as we approach Regionals/Nationals

## **10-point Questions**

The difficulty will be similar for all levels. (League Meet 1 and National Finals are identical in difficulty.) All answers will come from a single verse and will *usually* require 7 words or less

## **League Meet 1-4**

20s: These questions will typically be 8 words or more and will come from a single verse. I will emphasize an understanding of fundamental knowledge at this level. (Giving verses in essence, chapter analysis, references, and knowledge of unique words are paramount at this stage)

30s: These questions will require answers almost always from a single verse, but answers will be longer than 20-point questions. It will be important to know how to quote by verse reference, know all section titles and verse references, as well as understand some basic cross-referencing from within the same chapter.

## **League Meet 5/League Finals**

20s/30s The difficulty will remain the same as League Meet 1-4, but cover all material cumulatively.

## **District Finals**

20s: Question difficulty will increase slightly, with many questions coming from 2 verses. Chapter analysis will be used in greater capacity and basic concordance-type questions will be introduced.

30s: Question difficulty will increase significantly, with questions coming from 3 verses on average. Chapter analysis will be used in greater capacity and basic concordance that cross references different chapter and books (i.e. from both Romans and James) will be introduced.

## **Regional Finals**

20s: Mastery of the material will be highly advantageous. Questions will cover 1 – 3 verses, and concordance questions appearing with greater frequency,

30s: Mastery of the material will be highly advantageous. Questions will cover 3 – 4 verses, with the introduction of chapter analysis by book and concordance-type questions increasing in difficulty.

## **National Finals**

20s: Mastery of the material will be required. Questions will typically cover 1 – 4 verses, along with knowing chapter analysis, references, and unique words over all the material. Concordance-type questions will be asked frequently.

30s: Mastery of the material will be required. Questions will typically cover 4 – 7 verses, along with knowing chapter analysis, references and unique words over all the material. Concordance-type questions will be asked frequently.

## **CONTENDER/XP 5**

**Rev. Micah Van Gorp**

### **General Style**

I favor questions that will help you understand the text being studied. In my questions, I rely on the wording from the Scripture rather than use my own. There will be a few cases where the Scripture would make the question too wordy or complicated so I do use my own. However, when in doubt use the Scripture to finish interrupted questions. I attempt to use all the varieties of question and answer types. I like lists and multi-part answers. My Statement and questions are focused on understanding Scriptural truths, thus they will be difficult to interrupt until after the statement is complete. The Contender Study and Practice questions will show a sampling of all the types of questions you will see throughout the quiz season.

### **By Point Value**

10-point questions will be no longer than three words throughout the entire season (articles don't count ie. the Lord Jesus Christ.) This is not a contestable standard but is the pattern I am using. Early in the season expect the 20-point questions that are not from the Study Questions to be small segments of verses, and growing in length as the season progresses.

30-point questions will be longer sections of verses or the entire verse depending on verse length for league meets, getting longer with League 5/League Finals, District Finals, and Regional Finals. The last few sets of the Practice Questions will show samplings of the harder questions that will appear in these later meets.

### **Contender**

Questions will come in no particular order and I like to mix up where point values appear.

League meets 2-4 will have 75% of the new material with 25% review from previous material.

Application questions will appear in questions 11-20. They will come only from the new material for the league meet.

League 1 will have 10 questions from the Contender Study Questions in each round. Leagues 2-4 will have 5 in each round.

### **XP5**

The first 12 questions will be matched so that the same point value is read to both teams.

Of the first 12 questions 10 will be from the Contender Study Questions.

Question number 13 will be a 30 that will either be an application question or harder 30-point question.

There will be a total of two application questions between questions 13 and 18.

They will only come from the chapters being studied for this league meet.

There will be no review questions from previous material.

# BQ TOURNAMENTS

## **Mid-Winter Classic BQ Tournament**

**January 12-13, 2024**

**Sioux Falls, SD**

**Divisions: Championship, Contender, XP5, Adult**

**Contact: Don Batty [debatty00@gmail.com](mailto:debatty00@gmail.com)**

**608-566-6255**

## **39<sup>th</sup> Friendship Classic**

**January 26, 27, 2024**

**Oxford AG, Oxford, FL**

**Championship only**

**Contact: Bernie Elliot [ElliotBQ@gmail.com](mailto:ElliotBQ@gmail.com)**

## ***Razorback XP5 Invitational***

**February 3, 2024**

**Place: First Assembly of God, [2466 US-65, Clinton, Arkansas, 72031](#)**

**Contact: Johnny Hunter [arkansastbq@outlook.com](mailto:arkansastbq@outlook.com)**

**574-214-5166**

## ***Presidents Cup***

**February 3, 2024, NJ**

**Championship & Contender.**

**Contact: Jesse Czubkowski [jesseczubkowski@gmail.com](mailto:jesseczubkowski@gmail.com)**

## ***Windy City Classic***

**March 1 & 2, 2024**

**Calvary Church, Naperville, IL**

**Contact: David Powell [wheatonpowells@yahoo.com](mailto:wheatonpowells@yahoo.com)**

***Emerald City Tournament***

**April 19-20, 2024**

**Deeper Church, Burien, WA near Seattle**

**Championship only**

**Richie Nelson: [richiedn@gmail.com](mailto:richiedn@gmail.com)**

**253-232-9995**

***Jersey Shore Pre-Nats***

**May 31 & June 1, 2024**

**Tinton Falls, NJ**

**All material covered**

**Contact: Jesse Czubkowski [jesseczubkowski@gmail.com](mailto:jesseczubkowski@gmail.com)**

## **TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

**30<sup>th</sup> Gobblefest, University of Valley Forge, PA Nov 17, 18, 2023**

### **CHAMPIONSHIP "GOLD" DIVISION 8 teams**

#### **Top 4 Teams**

#### **W L AVG**

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|----|---|-----|-----|
| 1. | Trinity Church, Cedar Hill, TX "A Team" | 6-1 | 222 |
| 2. | Ypsilanti AG, MI                        | 6-1 | 184 |
| 3. | Calvary Church, Naperville, IL          | 5-2 | 180 |
| 4. | Calvary Christian Church, Lynnfield, MA | 4-3 | 129 |

#### **Top 5 Quizzers**

#### **AVG QO**

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|----|--|-----|---|
| 1. | Camden Haney, Trinity Church, TX "A Team"      | 135 | 7 |
| 2. | Shaylee Powell, Calvary Church, Naperville, IL | 97  | 5 |
| 3. | Madison Day, Ypsilanti AG, MI                  | 92  | 4 |
| 4. | Charlotte Bielby, Redeemer Church, Utica, NY   | 81  | 5 |
| 5. | Justin Klco, Calvary Christian, Lynnfield, MA  | 78  | 4 |

## CHAMPIONSHIP "BLUE" DIVISION 8 teams

<b>Top 4 Teams</b>		<b>W L AVG</b>
1.	Redeemer Church, Utica, NY	6 1 218
2.	Trinity Church, Cedar Hill, TX "Gold"	5 2 149
3.	Trinity Church, Cedar Hill, TX "Team 1"	5 2 231
4.	Hope Church, Springfield, MO	4 3 171

<b>Top 5 Quizzers</b>		<b>AVG QO</b>
1.	Christian Alapati, Trinity Church, TX "Team 1"	115 5
2.	Aaron Hoffmann, Redeemer Church, Utia, NY	101 7
3.	Meghan Ramsey, Hope Church, Springfield, MO	86 5
3.	Alyssa Ramsey, Hope Church, Springfield, MO	86 5
4.	Johan Ajoy, Calvary Temple, Wayne, NJ	83 5
5.	Noah Claunch, Trinity Church, TX "Team 1"	80 6

**After 7 Preliminary Rounds all 16 Championship Teams were ranked in their Division.**

**Teams 1 & 2 from each Division played for the Tournament Championship.**

### **Final Standings**

1. Trinity Church, Cedar Hill, TX "Team A" TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS
2. Trinity Church, Cedar Hill, TX "Team Gold"
3. Ypsilanti AG, Ypsilanti, MI
4. Redeemer Church, Utica, NY "Of Course Not"

**Then Teams 3 & 4 from each Division played; Teams 5 & 6; and Teams 7 & 8 played each other.**

## **CONTENDER DIVISION 6 teams**



### Top 3 Teams

		W	L	AVG
1.	United Evangelical Christian Fellowship, NJ	9	1	139
2.	Calvary Chapel, Seneca Falls, NY	8	2	119
3.	Calvary Church, Naperville, IL	6	4	137

### Contender teams played a double round robin

### Top 5 Quizzers

		AVG	QO
1.	Timothy Harris, Calvary Church, Naperville, IL	75	7
2.	Andrew Vellore, UCEF, Westfield, NJ	68	3
3.	Asher Gilbert, Calvary Chapel, Wayne, NJ	57	5
4.	Blessy AnanyaDevi, UCEF, Westfield, NJ	55	2
5.	Andre Mikhailouski, Redeemer Church, Utica, NY	47	4

### XP5 DIVISION 8 teams

### Top 4 Teams

		W	L	AVG
1	Newport AG, Newport, PA "Deanna"	6	1	177
2	Calvary Temple, Wayne, NJ	6	1	162
3	Newport AG" Newport, PA "Courtney	5	2	153
4	UECF, Westfield, NJ "Holy Warriors"	4	3	131

### Top 5 Quizzers

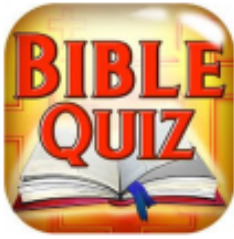
		AVG	QO
1	Chisom Joy Oriaku, Calvary Temple, Wayne, NJ	123	7
2	Erica Smith, AG, Newport AG , PA "Courtney"	120	7
3	Samrudh Ghanta, UECF, Westfield, NJ	112	6
4	Jacob Raudensky, Newport AG, PA "Deanna"	111	6
5	Erik McDonald, Evangel Heights AG, Sarver, PA	97	6

## CHRISTMAS TEST ANSWERS

- 1. (T) There are no records of Joseph speaking in the Christmas story. - I'm sure he said something, but there is absolutely no record of him speaking at all.**
- 2. (F) The wise men were three kings from the orient. The number of wise men is not mentioned. They were not kings.**
- 3. (F) The little drummer boy came to the manger after the other shepherds. What little drummer boy? There is no mention of a drummer boy in the Bible.**
- 4. (T) The star did not appear above the manger. It appeared above the house where Joseph's family was living (Matthew 2:9-11).**
- 5. (T) Jesus' ancestors include a prostitute, an adulterer and a non-Israelite. - Rahab was a prostitute, David & Uriah's wife were adulterers, and Ruth was from Moab. Matthew 1:3,5,6.**
- 6. (F) The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary first and then Gabriel appeared to Joseph. - Trick question. Mary was first, but we don't know the name of the angel who appeared to Joseph (Matthew 1:20). It might have been Harold. You know, "Hark the Harold Angel Sings."**
- 7. (F) Mary rode a donkey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. A donkey does not appear anywhere in the Biblical account.**
- 8. (T) Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem because of a decree by Caesar Augustus. Luke 2:1-5.**

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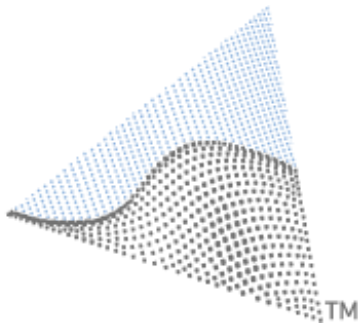
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