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Free Bible Presentation: "Was Jesus Married?"

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Salted Speech Colossians 4:6

- ~ Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.
- ~ God Sends us the Storms to prove that He is the Shelter
- ~ Be grateful for what you have . . . not regretful for what you haven't
- ~ It is said that more than 15% of all tornadoes occur in the month of June. Ironically, most marriages take place the same month.

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World Won by John T. Polk II

Jesus was asked "where are You staying" to which He replied, "Come and see" (**John 1:38-39**), or "see for yourselves." He by-passed the possibility of a false witness report. Millions of people from other countries have flooded into America to support their teams in World Cup Soccer competition, and *their overwhelming report has been "we've been lied to about America by our Media!"* They now know their Media were deliberate "false witnesses" on this subject. "A faithful witness does not lie, But a false witness will utter lies" (**Proverbs 14:5**). **World Media falsely reports the world to their audience as the American Media falsely reports America to Americans!** The damage they've done echoes: "A false witness shall perish, But the man who hears him will speak endlessly" (**Proverbs 21:28**). Have you believed "false witness" about the churches of Christ? "Come and see." ---jtpll



By David Sproule

That Prayer List in the Church Bulletin

Every church bulletin that I have ever seen includes some kind of "Prayer List" within its pages. That fact alone is interesting—why do all churches find it appropriate, needful and effective to publish a list of names for which the church to pray? Is it simply to have something that takes up some space in the bulletin? Or is there a greater purpose?

Having a prayer list in the bulletin is an expedient way to fulfill the command in Scripture to "pray for one another" (Jas. 5:16). How can we effectively pray for one another? We need a list of names—a church bulletin and even a church directory help to provide that. And if there are specific needs, then we have a focus to which we can give those prayers.

Having a prayer list follows in the footsteps of the apostle Paul. Scripture does not specify that Paul kept a list, but when you read his letters, he constantly says to congregations and to individual Christians that he is "always...making mention" of them in his "prayers" (1 Thess. 1:2). Did he have a good memory to recall all of those, by name, for whom he was praying? Or did he keep a list? A list helps us to pray like Paul.

When we pray for those brethren in the church bulletin, we are doing the very best and the most powerful thing

that we can do for them—we are talking to the God of heaven, the Creator and Sustainer of all things, about a specific person, and drawing His powerful attention in his/her direction. What could be better than that? The "prayer of a righteous man avails much" (Jas. 5:16, NKJV). It "has great power as it is working" (ESV). That power, first and foremost, is the power of God to respond to our requests (Eph. 3:20-21).

When we pray for those brethren in the church bulletin, it has great power for the one for whom we pray. Paul told his brother Philemon, "I trust that through your prayers I shall be granted to you" (Phile. 22). Paul told the Corinthian brethren that the Lord had delivered him and "will still deliver us," through their "helping together in prayer for us" (2 Cor. 1:10-11). Prayer makes a difference in the lives of others.

But, also, when we pray for those brethren in the church bulletin, it has great power for the one who is doing the praying. It helps us to look beyond ourselves to the needs of others. It helps us to learn the members of the church, perhaps leading us to look some of them up in the church directory to see who they are. It helps us to draw closer to our brethren, as we lift their names before our Father and even share with them that we prayed for them.

Prayer is powerful! Using that prayer list in the church bulletin "has great power [for all of us] as it is working."

An expedient way to fulfill the command to "pray for one another"

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Biblical Creation

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People buy lottery tickets hoping for a miracle while ignoring the greatest miracle in... See more

ODDS OF WINNING THE LOTTERY
1 IN 259,000,000

ODDS OF A MAN
FULFILLING 8 PROPHECIES
1 IN 100,000,000,000,000,000
(THAT'S A LOT OF ZEROES!)

JESUS DID!
ACTUALLY HE FULFILLED OVER 300

WAS THE BIBLE COPIED CORRECTLY?

THE EVIDENCE SAYS YES.

Skeptics claim the Bible has been copied so many times that we can't know what it originally said. The evidence shows the opposite is true.



AN UNMATCHED AMOUNT OF MANUSCRIPT EVIDENCE

GREEK NEW TESTAMENT
MANUSCRIPTS



5,800+
manuscripts

Earliest fragments dated
to within decades of the
original writings.

OTHER ANCIENT
LANGUAGE MANUSCRIPTS



10,000+
manuscripts

Latin, Syriac, Coptic,
Armenian, Georgian,
and more.

TOTAL NEW TESTAMENT
MANUSCRIPTS



24,000+
manuscripts
and manuscript
fragments

More than any other
book from antiquity.

TIME SPAN



**1st-16th
CENTURY**

Manuscripts span over
1,500 years, from many
different regions.

HOW THE BIBLE COMPARES TO OTHER ANCIENT WRITINGS

NEW TESTAMENT



24,000+
manuscripts

HOMER
(Iliad)



643
manuscripts

PLATO



210
manuscripts

JULIUS CAESAR
(Gallie Wars)



10
manuscripts

TACITUS



20
manuscripts

ARISTOTLE



5
manuscripts

No other ancient work comes close to the number of copies we have of the New Testament.

MINOR VARIATIONS—NOT MAJOR CHANGES

Yes, there are textual variants.
But the vast majority are minor.



- MINOR VARIANTS (93%)**
Spelling, grammar, word order,
articles, and other details that
do not affect meaning.
- SIGNIFICANT VARIANTS (7%)**
Do not affect any major
Christian doctrine.

✓ Skeptical scholars agree: no Christian doctrine
is at risk because of manuscript variations.

THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS: A POWERFUL CONFIRMATION



- Discovered beginning in 1947
near the Dead Sea.
- Includes portions of every Old
Testament book except Esther.
- Some manuscripts are over
1,000 years older than the
oldest previously known copies.
- The text matches the traditional
Hebrew text with remarkable
agreement.

"The Bible was not preserved because people copied it perfectly.
It was preserved because so many copies were made that mistakes became detectable."



**EVERY ANCIENT DOCUMENT WAS COPIED.
THE QUESTION IS WHETHER IT WAS COPIED RELIABLY.**

When judged by the same standards historians use for every other ancient work,
the Bible stands in a category of its own.

"Your word, LORD,
is eternal; it stands
firm in the heavens."
Psalm 119:89

AFTER THE FLOOD, ONE GROUP BUILT A TOWER TO REACH THE HEAVENS.

THE TOWER OF BABEL
(GENESIS 11:1-9)
A ZIGGURAT THAT REACHED
TOWARD THE HEAVENS.



THEN, GROUPS SPREAD OUT... AND BUILT THE SAME THING.

ZIGGURAT OF UR
(SUMERIA)



MESOPOTAMIA
~2100 BC

ZIGGURAT OF CHOGHA
ZANBIL
(ELAM)



IRAN
~1250 BC

TEOTIHUACAN
PYRAMID OF THE SUN
(MESOAMERICA)



MEXICO
~200 AD

BOROBUDUR
(SOUTHEAST ASIA)



JAVA, INDONESIA
~800 AD

NAN MADOL
(MICRONESIA)



POHNPEI
~1200 AD

TIKAL
(MESOAMERICA)



GUATEMALA
~250 AD

EL CASTILLO
CHICHÉN ITZÁ
(MESOAMERICA)



MEXICO
~600 AD

PACHACAMAC
TEMPLE
(SOUTH AMERICA)



PERU
~600 AD

NIMROD/URUK
ZIGGURAT (RECON.)
(MESOPOTAMIA)



IRAQ
~2000 BC

AXUM STELA
PYRAMIDAL TOMB
(AFRICA)



ETHIOPIA
~300 AD

DIFFERENT PLACES. DIFFERENT NAMES. SAME DESIGN.
ZIGGURATS. PYRAMIDAL TEMPLES. MOUNTAINS MADE BY MAN.

**THEY CLAIMED THEY NEVER KNEW EACH OTHER.
BUT THEY ALL REMEMBERED THE SAME THING—
THE TOWER.**



SAME MEMORY. SAME AMBITION. SAME SOURCE.
THEY ALL CAME FROM THE SAME PLACE.