

KIDS' CORNER



Q: When did time begin?

A: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).

Time began when God started to create everything in the whole universe. He did this "in the beginning" of the Creation Week. According to the Bible, that was about 6,000 years ago. Before then, there were no days or weeks or years. It is hard for us to understand, but time, just like everything else God created, including you and me, had a beginning, and it wasn't very long ago! God, on the other hand, is infinite. He has always existed, and He is not bound by time, like we are. In fact, the Bible says that to God a day can be like 1,000 years and 1,000 years can be just like a day. Time just doesn't mean the same thing to God as it does to us. He's "outside" of it. We do know, however that He created time on the first day of creation.

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Can you find the ten words hidden in the word search from this issue's article above?

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 C R E A T I O N S E
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TIME
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 UNIVERSE
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Children's Good News Club
 Luthermuir Gospel Hall Sundays at
 4.30pm (During school term) It's Free!



THE ABC OF THE GOSPEL

"All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. As it is written, There is none righteous" (Romans 3:23,10).
 "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not" (Ecclesiastes 7:20).
 "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4).
 "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way" (Isaiah 53:6).

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is the Son of God"(John 1:29,34).
 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).
 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).
 "Jesus said ... I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (John 11:25,26).
 "What must I do to be saved? ... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:30,31).

GOOD NEWS



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The Mercat Cross



"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him (Christ) the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:6)

THE MERCAT (or market) Cross, at the centre of the broad market place in the heart of the quaint village of Fettercairn, is a monument of great historical interest.

The Current cross is believed to date from around 1670, but its shaft is possibly older, having once stood in the ancient village of Kincardine, which lay two and a half miles north-east of Fettercairn.

The cross was multifunctional, incorporating a sundial for telling the time. It was also the village stocks to which petty criminals were chained to an iron collar. Woe betide the village vandals in those days!

On the west side of the shaft is a groove that is about 953mm in length. This formed the ancient Scot measure of an "ell" and served as a standard length for traders, making cheating less likely.

Every false measure when placed alongside the "ell" would immediately be exposed and the dishonest trader found out. God also has an absolute unchanging moral standard and sadly, when even the best of people are placed alongside of it, they all come short. The Bible declares, **"there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"** (Romans 3:22,23).

Just as human justice in ancient days would possibly have demanded a dishonest trader to be chained to the Mercat Cross, so God's justice demands that your sin and mine should be punished. Yet God, in His love, sent His Son into the world, **"to be the Saviour of the world "** (1 John 4:14). In one amazing act of love the sinless Son of God, Jesus Christ, submitted Himself to the death of the cross. Hanging there, He took the

BLIND WORLD

Cancer is considered a disease; hatred isn't... yet hatred kills more people than cancer.

Drugs are considered a major problem; greed isn't... yet drugs will never come close to the damage greed has done.

Illicit sex is considered foul; pride isn't... yet pride has ruined entire nations.

Doctors... theologians... and scientists are considered the answer; Jesus Christ isn't... yet Jesus has solved more problems since He came than all others in the history of man.

Death is the most feared thing in the world and a rich man would give his entire fortune to postpone it... yet he wouldn't give tuppence to stay out of hell.

Heaven is as real as any of the things that the world is blind to. Receive Jesus Christ... face reality. Overcome the world with his love. Jesus loves you.

Jesus said:
"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world".

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You are invited to come and hear the message of the Gospel every Sunday, 6.30pm at Luthermuir Gospel Hall, Church Road.

Also on Sundays: Children's Good News Club 4.30pm
 Bible Class 7.30pm

All Welcome!

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guilty sinner’s place, paying in full the tremendous debt of sin with His own precious blood. The apostle Peter, writing to Christians, would remind them that, **“Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God”** (1 Peter 3:18). God’s justice has been satisfied.

Dear reader, the God in whose hand your breath is, and against whom you have sinned, longs that you should be reconciled to Him. On your part you must be prepared to repent of your sin and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, whom God has raised from the dead and highly exalted. Upon believing you will be immediately forgiven and eternally saved. No better time than now!



ABOUT TWO thousand years ago in an obscure village, a child was born of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village where He worked as a carpenter until He was thirty. Then for three years He became an itinerant preacher.

This man never went to college or university. He never wrote a book. He never held a position of authority. He never had a family or owned a home. He never put His foot inside a big city or travelled even 200 miles from His birth place. Though He never did any of these things that usually accompany greatness, throngs of people followed Him. He had no credentials but Himself.

While He was still young, the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His followers ran away. He was turned over to His enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was sentenced to death on a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth - the simple coat He had worn. His body was laid in a borrowed grave by a compassionate friend. But three days later this Man arose from the dead - living proof that He was, as He had claimed, the Saviour whom God had sent, the Incarnate Son of God.

Centuries have come and gone and today the risen Lord Jesus Christ is the central figure of the human race. On our calendars His birth divides history into two eras. One day of every week is set aside in remembrance of Him. Our two most important holidays celebrate His birth and resurrection. On church steeples around the world His cross has become the symbol of victory over sin and death.

This One Man’s life has furnished the theme for more songs, books, poems and paintings than any other person or event in history. Thousands of colleges, hospitals, orphanages and other institutions have been founded in honour of this One who gave His life for sinners. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the governments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned have not changed the course of history as much as this One Solitary Life.

Over the centuries millions have found a new life of forgiveness from sins and peace with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Today He offers this life to all who will believe. **“I am the way, the truth, and the life,”** Jesus said: **“no man cometh unto the Father but by Me.”** **“He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life”.** (John 14:6, 5:24).

- Has the Lord Jesus Christ changed your life? -

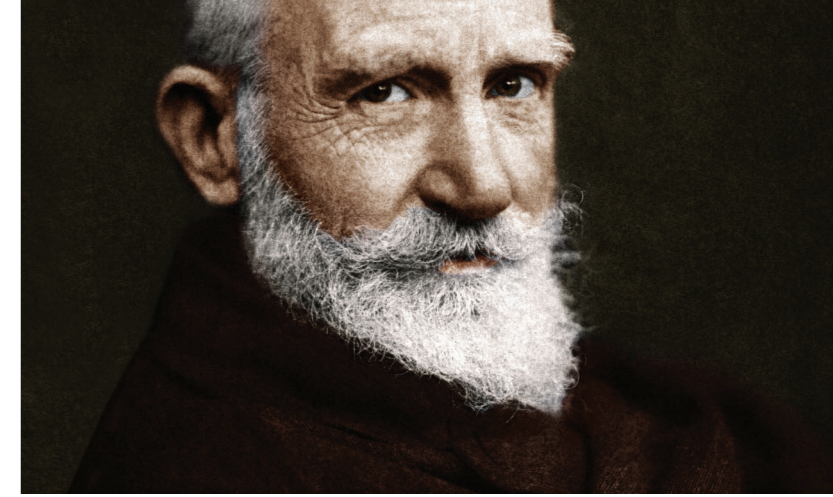


“Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation”
(2 Corinthians 6:2)

Can you answer this?



A Welsh minister, beginning his sermon, leaned over the pulpit and said with a solemn air, “Friends, I have a question to ask. I can not answer it. You can not answer it. If an angel from Heaven were here, he could not answer it. If a devil from Hell were here, he could not answer it. Every eye was fixed on the speaker, who proceeded, “The question is this, ‘How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?’ ”



FAMOUS ATHEIST ADMITS HE WAS WRONG

In 1925 George Bernard Shaw was awarded the Nobel prize for literature.

George Bernard Shaw was an atheist.

Here is his personal testimony, penned near the end of his life in “Too True to Be Good”:

“The science to which I pinned my faith is bankrupt... Its counsels which should have established the millennium have led directly to the suicide of Europe. I believed them once... In their name I helped to destroy the faith of millions of worshippers in the temples of a thousand creeds. And now they look at me and witness the great tragedy of an atheist who has lost his faith.”



The Pilgrim’s Progress

The Pilgrim’s Progress was written by John Bunyan and published in 1678. It quickly became one of the most popular stories of all time. Over 100,000 copies were sold within his lifetime alone, and today it is believed to be the second-most widespread book in existence, surpassed only by the Bible in number of copies distributed.

It is a spiritual allegory that follows the path of Christian, a man weighed down by his burden of sin. He leaves the City of Destruction and learns that nothing can remove his burden other than the cross of Christ. But that is only the beginning of his journey through life to the Celestial City.

*“Thus far did I come laden with my sin,
Nor could aught ease the grief that I was in,
Till I came hither. What a place is this!
Must here be the beginning of my bliss?
Must here the burden fall from off my back?
Must here the strings that bound it to me crack?
Blest cross! blest sepulchre! blest rather be
The Man that there was put to shame for me!”*

(Poem from The Pilgrim’s Progress when Christian’s burden is released at the Cross)