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Matthew 18:11
For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

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Where is the Quotation Found?

- 1) *"Unto a land that I will show thee:"*
A - Exodus 12:1
B - Genesis 12:1
C - Matthew 2:6
D - Philippians 4:12
- 2) *"MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UNPARSIN."*
A - Psalm 139:17
B - Nehemiah 2:2
C - Daniel 5:25
D - 1 Kings 21:3
- 3) *"Is not this great Babylon,"*
A - Daniel 4:30
B - Revelation 17:5
C - Ezekiel 44:9
D - Zechariah 6:15
- 4) *"For I know that my redeemer liveth,"*
A - Joshua 24:15
B - Mark 15:34
C - 1 Corinthians 4:16
D - Job 19:25
- 5) *"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:"*
A - Deuteronomy 6:4
B - 1 Timothy 2:8
C - Jeremiah 13:12
D - Genesis 13:14
- 6) *"Am I my brother's keeper?"*
A - Genesis 4:9
B - Exodus 20:12
C - Luke 6:42
D - Philippians 2:10
- 7) *"ye are even my witnesses."*
A - Isaiah 14:10
B - Ezekiel 34:8
C - Nehemiah 8:4
D - Isaiah 44:8
- 8) *"The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."*
A - Genesis 2:2
B - Isaiah 44:6
C - Matthew 19:13
D - Psalm 24:1
- 9) *"thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:"*
A - 1 Samuel 22:9
B - Ruth 1:16
C - Lamentations 1:7
D - Joshua 8:10
- 10) *"but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."*
A - Ruth 3:7
B - Micah 5:12
C - Joshua 24:15
D - Acts 17:28
- 11) *"for he shall save his people from their sins."*
A - Colossians 1:27
B - Matthew 1:21
C - 1 Corinthians 5:11
D - Ezekiel 18:32
- 12) *"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*
A - Matthew 3:17
B - 2 Samuel 18:33
C - Luke 3:18
D - Mark 1:27
- 13) *"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth."*
A - Romans 8:15
B - Psalm 37:11
C - Matthew 5:5
D - Isaiah 53:12
- 14) *"If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread."*
A - Leviticus 2:4
B - Matthew 4:3
C - 2 Samuel 11:18
D - John 6:63
- 15) *"Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews?"*
A - Luke 1:18
B - Matthew 2:2
C - Jonah 3:8
D - Matthew 3:17
- 16) *"Behold the Lamb of God,"*
A - John 1:29
B - 1 Samuel 18:19
C - Mark 2:6
D - Mark 3:9
- 17) *"And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."*
A - Galatians 5:14
B - Luke 6:31
C - Leviticus 19:18
D - Deuteronomy 18:3
- 18) *"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."*
A - Luke 9:27
B - Jonah 1:8
C - Matthew 4:19
D - Acts 8:22
- 19) *"Ye must be born again."*
A - John 3:7
B - Luke 12:18
C - Ephesians 4:13
D - 1 John 2:8
- 20) *"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."*
A - Exodus 1:1
B - Genesis 1:1
C - Matthew 1:1
D - Revelation 1:1

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All Scripture in this publication is from the King James Bible.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

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A Christmas Message

The holiday season is, for many people, one of the most depressing times of the year. In fact, the suicide rate is higher between Thanksgiving and New Years than at any other time during the year. It is easy to get so caught up in the preparations and the festivities and even the pain we may feel in our hearts during the holidays that we forget the real meaning of the season. It isn't about gifts and trees and decorations. It isn't even about family, parties and fun. It certainly isn't about Santa Claus, snowmen, elves and reindeer. **It is all about Jesus and about Him alone!** So for just a few minutes let's leave our world behind and visit once again the little town of Bethlehem. Let's let Jesus transform our Christmas. The night God became flesh and walked among men ranks as one of the greatest moments in human history. It was a night of tremendous miracles and great blessings. It was the night when God moved into the world to live and eventually to die. Though this story is 2,000 years old, it is still as fresh to me as if this were the first time I had ever heard it. Let's visit Bethlehem again today and notice that as Mary delivered Jesus into this world, there were some Christmas Messages being delivered also.

Luke 2:1-20 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. 2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) 3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. 12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. 15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. 16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. 17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. 18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

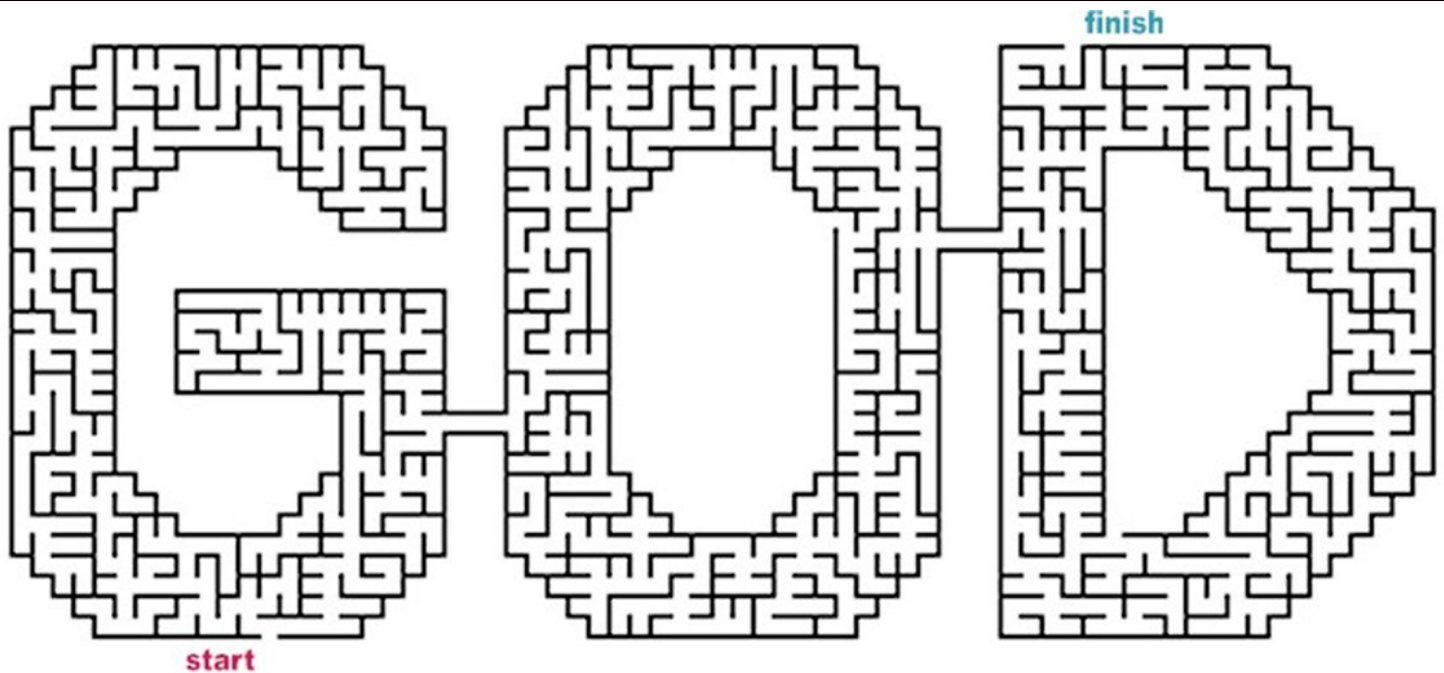
The heavenly choir preached a message! (Read underlined verses above). The angels delivered a message of peace - "fear not"— a Soothing Message v.10a.

*Luke 1:13 But the angel said unto him, **Fear not**, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. Luke 1:30 And the angel said unto her, **Fear not**, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. Matthew 1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, **fear not** to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.*

At the cross, at the cross
where I first saw the light
And the burden of my
heart rolled away
It was there by faith I
received my sight
And now I am happy all
the day

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A Car Accident

One day, while a **blonde** was out driving her car, she ran into a truck. The truck's driver made her pull over into a parking lot and get out of the car. He took a piece of chalk and drew a circle on the pavement. He told her to stand in the middle and not leave the circle. Furious, he went over to her car and slashed the tires. The blonde started laughing. This made the man angrier so he smashed her windshield. This time, the blonde laughed even harder. Livid, the man broke all her windows and keyed her car. The blonde is now laughing hysterically, so the truck driver asks her what's so funny. The blonde giggles and replies, "When you weren't looking, I stepped out of the circle three times!"

Orange Juice

In the morning, a blonde enters a restaurant with a carton of orange juice. She puts the orange juice on the table and stares at it.

The store is about to close down, and the blonde is still staring at the orange juice.

A waiter comes and asks the blonde, "Excuse me, we are about to close for the evening, I'm afraid you're going to have to leave."

"No" The blonde replies.

"Why not?" questions the waiter.

"The carton says "concentrate."

Proof That Blondes Are Not Really Dumb

This blonde decides one day that she is sick and tired of all the blonde jokes and how all blondes are perceived as stupid, so she decides to show her husband that blondes really are smart. While her husband is off at work, she decides that she is going to paint a couple of rooms in the house. The next day, right after her husband leaves for work, she gets down to the task at hand.

Her husband arrives home at 5:30 and detects the distinct smell of paint. He walks into the living room and finds his wife

lying on the floor in a pool of sweat. He notices that she is wearing a ski jacket and a fur coat at the same time. He goes over and asks her if she is OK. She replies, "Yes."

He asks what she is doing. She replies that she wanted to prove to him that not all blonde women are dumb, and she wanted to do it by painting the house. He then asks her why she has on a ski jacket and a fur coat. She replies that she was reading the directions on the paint can and they said, "For best results, put on two coats."

Parking Lot

Two blondes were in a parking lot trying to unlock the door of their Mercedes with a coat hanger. They tried and tried to get the door open, but they couldn't. The blonde with the coat hanger stopped for a moment to catch her breath, and her friend said anxiously, "Hurry up! It's starting to rain and the top is down."

Horse Riding

One day a blonde decided to go horse back riding. After a very long search, she finally found a horse she thought she could ride. Things started off well enough, slowly trotting along, but soon the undulations started going faster and faster. Being an inexperienced horseback rider, the blonde started to fall off. She tried everything, grabbing the mane, then trying to grab the saddle, but she could not hold on. Seconds before falling off, the horse finally stopped, allowing her to get off, and gratefully thank the shopper for unplugging the mechanical horse as he was about to enter the department store.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

A Christmas Message

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Jesus removes fear. Things we need not fear: Death, Hell, Satan, Life— if you are saved. **Romans 8:38-39** *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.* The Lord loves us that much. It Should bring you peace!

The second message is: A Salvation Message.

Luke 2:10-11 *And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you **good tidings of great joy**, which shall be **to all people.** 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

Good tidings (News), **great joy, to all people, unto you** (Personally). **John 3:16** *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. 2 Corinthians 5:21* *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

Christ - The Anointed One, The Son of God. Picture Him as the fulfillment of all the promises and prophecies beginning at Eden. **Genesis 3:15** *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel..* **Lord - Sovereign God!** The One to be served, worshiped, and adored! **Jesus is called Saviour!** Not an example or a teacher, but a Saviour!

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent an educator.

If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent an entertainer.

If our greatest need had been military, God would have sent a soldier.

If our greatest need had been for justice, God would have sent a judge.

But, our greatest need was forgiveness and redemption, and, therefore, God sent a Saviour!

The Third message is a showing message! **Luke 2:12** *And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.* This pointed the way to Jesus. God's Word points the way! **John 14:6** *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

Every now and then we encounter someone who needs the way pointed out to them. **Our Job is to show the Saviour to the lost.** (Ill. **Bethlehem means "House of Bread"** - it was an appropriate place for the Bread of Life to be born!) **Jesus is that bread.** **John 6:35** *And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John 6:41* *The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.*

A Shouting Message! I have never had enough space to write down everything I would like to say, but! I have been shouting every since I got saved. **Luke 2:13-14** *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.* The angels praised their Creator! (Ill. Their wonder! **Praise to God and Peace to man.** Rome had given the world peace from war; **Jesus came to give man peace with God and peace within!**) **John 14:27** *Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Philippians 4:6* *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*

That's enough to praise Him forever! A Holy God will hear our prayers. **Have you prayed and asked the Lord to forgive you of your sins, and come into your heart and life? Do you have the peace He offers? If not trust Him as your Saviour today. That's a gift you will never forget.**

Riddles 1-6

- 1) Cathy has six pairs of black gloves and six pairs of brown gloves in her drawer. In complete darkness, how many gloves must she take from the drawer in order to be sure to get a pair that match? (a left and right glove of the same color) Think carefully!
- 2) Why can't you take a picture of a Indian woman with hair curlers?
- 3) What is the largest possible number you can write using only 2 numbers - just 2 numbers, no other mathematical symbols?
- 4) Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the tallest mountain in the world?
- 5) Jenn is facetious. She is also abstemious. She gets pneumonia. Given those clues, what American trees will she like?
- 6) How many birth days does the average man have?

Answers on Page 4

Christmas shopping

The judge asked the defendant what he was charged with. "Doing my Christmas shopping early," was the reply. "That not illegal! How early were you shopping?" "Before the store was open."

- Q. How do you know Santa has to be a man?
 A. No woman is going to wear the same outfit year after year.
- Q. What do you get if you cross Santa with a detective?
 A. Santa Clues!

Q: Why does Santa Claus go down the chimney on Christmas Eve?

A: Because it " soots " him!

Sowing and Reaping

The ground is tilled. The seed is planted.
 The farmer waters the field,
 Waiting and watching every day
 For the earth to bring forth its yield.
 He is patient in his labors,
 Taking very special care;
 For he knows it won't be long,
 Yes, harvest time is near.
 Well, the same is true in a spiritual sense.
 The Word of God does say,
 "Our labor is not in vain in the Lord."
 There's coming a reaping day.
 God hears the cry of His children.
 He sees each tear that is sown.
 His heart is moved with compassion,
 For He cares for His loved and own.
 Like the farmer, we need to be patient,
 And take very special care;
 Adding diligence to our faith
 That God will answer prayer.
 The Word must be sown in the heart
 Just as the seed is sown in the field.
 Then God will bring it to pass,
 A great harvest of souls to yield!

Answers to Where Is the Quotation Found?

- 1) B - *Genesis 12:1*
- 2) C - *Daniel 5:25*
- 3) A - *Daniel 4:30*
- 4) D - *Job 19:25*
- 5) A - *Deut. 6:4*
- 6) A - *Genesis 4:9*
- 7) D - *Isaiah 44:8*
- 8) D - *Psalms 24:1*
- 9) B - *Ruth 1:16*
- 10) C - *Joshua 24:15*
- 11) B - *Matthew 1:21*
- 12) A - *Matthew 3:17*
- 13) C - *Matthew 5:5*
- 14) B - *Matthew 4:3*
- 15) B - *Matthew 2:2*
- 16) A - *John 1:29*
- 17) B - *Luke 6:31*
- 18) C - *Matthew 4:19*
- 19) A - *John 3:7*
- 20) B - *Genesis 1:1*

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Christmas is almost here,
 are you thinking of that perfect gift?

The Perfect Gift

I had to find the perfect gift, for nothing else would do.
 It had to be so special, to show my love was true.
 I went from store to store, and I saw so many things.
 I set myself no limits, I even looked at diamond rings.

But the perfect gift for her must express just how I feel,
 To leave no shred of doubt that my love for her is real.
 The days that I spent looking for the perfect gift were long.
 Just the thoughts of her excitement put within my heart a song.

Then I found the perfect gift, in a dingy little store.
 It was the kind of place important people would ignore.
 I didn't wrap it fancy, for the gift alone was such,
 That she would sense my joy and know my love for her was much.

It was all that I could do just to wait for Christmas Day.
 In my mind a hundred times I had guessed what she would say.
 It was still a little early when I drove up in her yard.
 This was my only gift; I didn't even buy a card.

With trembling hands I gave her this gift I bought with care.
 She read the box and said, "You didn't buy it there?"
 Of all the fancy places you could buy a gift for me,
 Nothing good could come from that place, as any fool could see!"

Of course my heart was broken, I had never felt so low.
 I got back in my car and I drove away real slow.
 My soul was full of grief, as I set my thoughts adrift.
 Did I respond in kind to God's most perfect gift?

Answers to Riddles 1-6

- 1) Answer: She could possibly take out 6 black left hand gloves and then 6 brown left hand gloves, the next one would have to be either the right hand or left hand match.
- 2) Answer: You can't take a picture with hair curlers, you need a camera.
- 3) Answer: 9⁹, this is 9x9x9x9x9x9x9x9x9 or 387,420,489.
- 4) Answer: Mt. Everest
- 5) Answer: The Sequoia, the Southern Magnolia, the Russian-Olive and the Euphorbia. She only likes words with all 5 vowels in them.
- 6) Answer: One, he may have many Birthdays, but only one birth day.

Bad Driving Ability

The one thing that drove me absolutely crazy about my boyfriend Bill was the way he drove. He would insist on driving in the dead center of a two way intersection, and no matter how much I complained, sulked, and threatened, nothing made a dent. The only consolation I found was the thought that at least the cars coming towards us, were staying in their lane. Sure enough, I soon resigned myself to my fate, but I would still cringe all too often while on the road. Well, the day finally came when I was to meet Bill's family. We headed to the small hick town that he was from in Pennsylvania, and had a grand ol' time with his folks. It was when we went out for a drive in the old family pick up that I learned that things could get quite a bit worse. "Don't worry about my husband's driving in the center of the road," said Bill's mom with a big friendly smile, as we headed onto a two way intersection. "THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE DOES AROUND HERE!!"

Never Been to the Beach

I live in Montreal, and for that reason my children have never been to a beach before. On our first family trip down South we decided one of the first things we were going to do was head to a beach. As soon as we saw the sand my kids went running off excitedly looking for seashells. "Mom!" screamed my five year old, running towards me with his hands full. "I found hundreds of them right next to each other!" With that he excitedly opened up his little hands revealing a handful of shells, not sea shells, but pistachio nut shells!

Don't forget the reason for the season

Jesus Christ our Saviour!