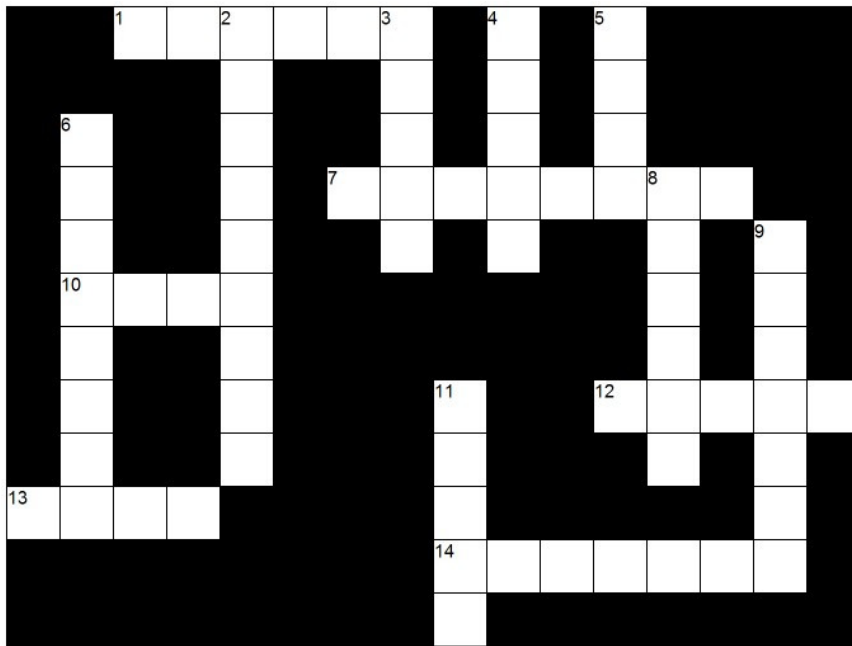


A Bible Crossword: The Book Of Acts, Part 7

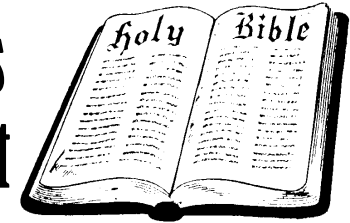


Across: 1. Barnabas and Saul sailed to this island to begin the 1st Missionary Journey. 7. They begged to hear the gospel. 10. He traveled with Barnabas and Saul as their assistant. 12. He served his generation, fell asleep, and saw corruption. 13. What the Jews were filled with when they saw the multitudes gathered to hear the gospel. 14. Almost the whole city came together on this day to hear the gospel.

Down: 2. Sergius Paulus' job. 3. The number of nations God destroyed in Canaan. 4. The number of years God put up with Israel's ways in the wilderness. 5. Saul's new name. 6. King Saul was from this tribe. 8. The sorcerer on Cyprus, also known as Bar-Jesus. 9. Luke records the sermon Paul preached in this city. It shares the same name as the city they left to begin the 1st Missionary Journey. 11. David's father.

—All answers can be found in Acts 13, NKJV.

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The Food Of The Gods

In 1502, Christopher Columbus and his crew captured a canoe at Guanaja, one of the Bay Islands of Honduras. Inside the canoe, they found a quantity of what Columbus described as mysterious-looking almonds. What they took for almonds were actually seeds from a species of *Theobroma* plant. *Theobroma* translates “food of the gods.” The seeds Columbus found belonged to the *Theobroma Cacao* bush. You may have never heard of the *Cacao* bush, but you have undoubtedly heard of the products that come from the seeds—cocoa and chocolate.

People often use adjectives like divine to describe chocolate. In a sense, all food is of divine origin, but there is one variety more divine even than chocolate.

During their wilderness wanderings, the Israelites ate a food that truly was of divine origin. Psalm 78:23-26 says, God “...had commanded the clouds above, and opened the doors of heaven, had rained down manna on them to eat, and given them of the bread of heaven. Men ate angels' food; He sent them food to the full.”

After Jesus fed the 5,000, a crowd of hungry men came to Him seeking another meal. They asked, “What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to

eat” (John 6:30b-31). Jesus replied by saying, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.” (John 6:35b). The Israelites ate manna every day. They needed it every day. Jesus offers something even better.

Jesus tried to explain to the Jews something that Moses tried to explain to Israel centuries before. Moses told them that God “humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD” (Deuteronomy 8:3). Jesus quoted this same passage when the Devil tempted Him to turn stones to bread in Matthew 4.

Chocolate is delicious, but God’s word is far sweeter (Psalm 19:10). The true food of God is His word. If we live His word, we will live eternally. —RAB

A Memo To Jesus About The 12

TO: Jesus, Son of Joseph
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FROM: Jordan Management Consultants
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RE: Staff Team Evaluation

Luke 6:13-16: "And when day came, He called His disciples to Him; and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles: Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James and John; and Philip and Bartholomew; and Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot; Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor."

Thank you for submitting the resumes of the twelve men you have picked for management positions in your new organization. All of them have now taken our battery of tests; and we have not only run the results through our computer, but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultant.

It is the staff opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education, and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has no qualities of leadership. The two brothers, James and John, sons of Zebedee, place personal interests above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale. We feel it our duty to tell you that Matthew has been black-listed by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau. James, the son of Alphaeus~ and Thaddaeus definitely have radical leanings, and they both registered a high score on the manic-depressive scale.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right-hand man. All of the other profiles are self explanatory.

We wish you every success in your new venture.

—Author Unknown

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