

Research Questions for The Story

RQ(1) What men worked to keep their wives out of harms way before a prospective battle? and ultimately battled the Egyptians (Exodus 18:1-5)
Jacob arranged his favorite wife behind most of the rest of his goods when he expected trouble with Esau (Genesis 33:1)

Notes:

David and his men lost their wives when they went to battle with the Philistines, and the Amalekites snatched them (1 Samuel 30:1ff)

David left his concubines behind when he went to battle with Absalom

David's soon-to-be wife Abigail actually shielded him from battle,

Moses left Zipporah at home while he led the Israelites in their exodus as did Saul's daughter Michal

They protected Rahab (who later married into the line of Christ) at Jericho

RQ(2) Who was to take off their clothes so as to not consecrate people?

“When they enter the gates of the inner court, they are to wear linen clothes; they must not wear any woolen garment while ministering at the gates of the inner court or inside the temple. 18 They are to wear linen turbans on their heads and linen undergarments around their waists. They must not wear anything that makes them perspire. 19 When they go out into the outer court where the people are, they are to take off the clothes they have been ministering in and are to leave them in the sacred rooms, and put on other clothes, so that the people are not consecrated through contact with their garments. Ezekiel 44:17-19

RQ(4) Who ran from a snake?

Moses; Exodus 4:3

God was with him, but Moses lost track of this as he ran.

But God made him come back, and is there for us in much the same way.

Paul didn't run when he was bit on Malta.

RQ(6) Name the one mention of music in the life of Jesus.

He and his friends sang a hymn the night before he died. (Matthew 26:30) From John Ortberg Parables: Prodigal Son: Luke 15

Discussion of His current generation: They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling out to each other: 'We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not cry.' Luke 7:13

Assumed: music at the wedding in Cana (John 2)

RQ(8) When were trumpets blown in the Bible [categories of activities, not every instance]?

Moving camp or the tabernacle (Numbers 10:1-10, 2 Samuel 6:15)

Sacrifices (Numbers 10:1-10)

The Feast of Trumpets (Numbers 29:1)

Battle, start and stop (Numbers 10:1-10 and many others)

- The Battle of Jericho (Joshua 6)

- Gideon battling the Midianites (Judges 7)

Announcing the new king (2 Samuel 15:10, 1 King 1:34)

Warning and Assembly (Jeremiah 6:1)

Worship (1 Chronicles 13:8)

Judgment: The last trump (Isaiah 27:13, Matthew 24:31, 1 Corinthians 15:52)

Note: Not to be blown to show one is doing something good (Matthew 6:2)

RQ(10) When did people of Israel leave their children and flocks in Egypt and go to the land of Canaan?

Genesis 50:8, when Jacob died and was taken to be buried

Note: Exodus 10:11; Moses would not leave unless the children and flocks could go

RQ(11) Who built an altar that was not to be used for sacrifice?

Joshua 22:26; the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh (on the other side of the Jordan) built one as a reminder; the other tribes almost went to war with them about it
Adonijah, where he tried to become king (1 Kings 1)

RQ(12) What was the distance that the people were to stay behind the ark when they were about to cross the Jordan?

Joshua 3:4; 1000 yds (almost ½ mile)

Similar to having to stay away from the mountain when Moses received the ten commandments (unknown limits), Exodus 19:20ff

RQ(14) Where were there cities that had walls up to the sky (or fenced up to heaven)?

Those in the Promised Land; Deuteronomy 9:1

Also noted: the tower of Babel was to rise up to heaven

RQ(16) Name the kings that went to Egypt.

Hadad, future king of Syria, 1 Kings 11:17

Jereboam, future king of Israel, 1 Kings 11:40

Jehoahaz, king of Judah, carried off to Egypt by Pharaoh Necho, 2 Kings 23:34

Jesus, King of Kings, Matthew 2:13

Honorable Mention: Abraham – not a king, but the father of many nations; Gen 12:14

Solomon? Married an Egyptian princess and could have gone there; 1 Kings 3:1

RQ(17) To whom did Jesus first say “Follow me”?

Simon Peter and Andrew (Matthew 4:18ff)

Philip (John 1:43)

RQ(18) When were there two banquets at the same time?

Esther 1; when the king and queen had banquets

RQ(19) What prophet of the northern kingdom sent a message in a letter to a king of the southern kingdom?

Elijah prophesied to Judah in letter; 2 Chronicles 21:12

RQ(22A) How many times in the Book of Revelation does the Savior speak, “I come”?

I come quickly – hold fast (3:11)

I come quickly – keep the word (22:7)

I come quickly – my reward is with me (22:12)

I come quickly – this is sure (22:20)

From Thoughts for Sundays, Handley C.G. Moule, p. 333

RQ(22B) What prophets made a comparison between Israel and/or Judah and Sodom and/or Gomorrah?

Isaiah 1:9-10; Isaiah 3:9 -- Unless the Lord Almighty had left us some survivors, we would have become like Sodom (and) Gomorrah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ... they parade their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it.

Jeremiah 23:14 -- They are all like Sodom to me; the people of Jerusalem are like Gomorrah.

Ezekiel 16:48-49 -- As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, your sister Sodom and her daughters never did what you and your daughters have done. They were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy.

Amos 4:11 -- “I overthrew some of you as I overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. You were like a burning stick snatched from the fire, yet you have not returned to me,” declares the Lord.

Matthew 11:23 -24 [Jesus] -- And you, Capernaum... if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”

RQ(24A) Name the reprinted documents in the Bible.

The 10 commandments (on stone); Exo 31:18, 34:4; Deut 4:13
Tying verses on their foreheads and hands; write on doorframes of houses and gates; Deut 6:8-9
Kings were to make copies of the law; Deut 17:18
Jeremiah's scroll, after the king burned the first; Jer 37:28
Letters circulated around to other churches; perhaps copies were made; Colossians 4:16, 1
Thessalonians 5:27

RQ(24B) Name those whose birthdays were mentioned. [PDE]

Pharaoh: Now the third day was Pharaoh's birthday, and he gave a feast for all his officials.
Genesis 40:20
Job: His sons used to hold feasts in their homes on their birthdays, and they would invite their
three sisters to eat and drink with them. Job 1:4 (latest version of NIV)
On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the
leading men of Galilee. Mark 6:21 [the daughter of Herodias danced for the guests and
asked for the head of John the Baptist]

RQ(27A) Who was offered a drink knowing it would probably be refused?

The Rechabites, Jeremiah 35
Honorable mention: Jesus was offered vinegar on a sponge, but refused it after tasting it
David's mighty three: ran through the Philistine lines to get David a cup of water; he considered it
sacred and poured it out as an offering [PDE]
Disciples said that they could drink the cup (Matthew 20:22); Christ said that they could

RQ(27B) Name those miracles that happened to Jesus [PDE].

Incarnation
Angels ministering to Jesus after Temptation
Transfiguration
Walk on Water
Dove at Baptism (announcement); also Holy Spirit descending
Pass through the crowd before it was time for Him to be taken
Resurrection
Ascension (Acts 1:9)
Disappearance on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:32)
Entering locked room where the disciples were gathered together (John 20:19)
Honorary mention: Escapes from those wanting to kill him?
Temptation? Miracle or simply the supreme nature of God?
Sweating as drops of blood?
Woman with issue of blood (Jesus felt it)

RQ(28A) Where was there another event like Pentecost, where the Holy Spirit swept into the room?

Also in Jerusalem, Acts 4:31
After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken.
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

RQ(28B) What people (leaders) stepped back to let Jesus take prominence?

John the Baptist
Moses and Elijah (Transfiguration, Matthew 17; hear Him!)
Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea
Pilate (recognized Christ as King of the Jews)
Centurion (Jairus)
Centurion at cross (Truly this is the Son of God)
Honorable mention: Abraham? (Before Abraham was, I am)

RQ(31A) What prophets scattered or tossed something in the air?

Moses, dust (Exodus 9:8)

Ezekiel, hair (Ezekiel 5:8)

Honorable Mention:

Elisha threw a stick in the water to raise an axehead (2 Kings 6:4-6)

Enemies of Paul throwing dust into the air (Acts 22:22-24)

RQ(31B) What are the instances where angels act in the life of Christ?

announce His birth; Luke 1:26,27

glory to God in the highest; Luke 2:8ff

direct His flight to Egypt; Matthew 2:13, 19, 20

minister to Him in the wilderness after temptation; Matthew 4:11

strengthening during the prayer in Gethsemane; Luke 22:43

roll away the grave stone; Matthew 28:2

tell the good news of His resurrection; Matthew 2:5-7, John 20:12-13

assure the disciples of His ascension to the throne; Acts 1:10-11

entering heaven He was seen of angels; 1 Timothy 3:16

in the day of His glorious return, He will be accompanied by innumerable legions of angels;

Matthew 16:27, Matthew 25:27, Mark 8:38, Luke 9:26, 2 Thessalonians 1:7

Songs of Heaven, Robert E. Coleman, p. 54

Hebrews 1:14 – Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? (not exactly a “guardian”)

RQ(comp) What did the first three women in Jesus’ recorded genealogy all have in common?

Rahab – (prostitute – sexual relations with another man...)

Ruth – widow

Bathsheba – widow

Tamar – widow

Bad RQ; but interesting that three of Jesus’ ancestors were widows before they married the man in the genealogy of Jesus