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THREE ANGELS AND YOU

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REVELATION 14 BIBLE GUIDES FOR KIDS

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Kristin's family was camping in the Gila wilderness in Southwestern New Mexico (USA). Now Maggie, the family's precious brown-and-white dog, had disappeared. When it came time for the family to leave the area, Kristin's brother Dillon said, "Dad, we can't just leave Maggie here!" But they had no choice. When Kristin suggested they make some posters and post them around the campground, everyone agreed that it was a good idea. They'd put their grandmother's phone number on the poster, since the family's next stop was in an area without cell phone service. At least Dad could phone Grandma when he went into the nearest town.

Time passed with no word about Maggie. But then one day Grandma had some good news. "A woman called and said she thinks she has Maggie!" she exclaimed. "She was studying wolves in the Gila wilderness. She's taken Maggie with her to Arizona."

It was a long trip to Arizona, but when they arrived, Maggie came bounding toward them. Thanks to prayer and a poster, their beloved lost pet had finally been found!*



Good News for You

It was very good news when Kristin's family learned about Maggie. What's some really good news that you have received? Can you think of a word or two that describes how you felt when you heard it?

In the previous Bible guide, we discovered that the Apostle John was given an amazing view into the future. It included the time just before Jesus comes back to earth. Here's what John says happened next:

"Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth" (Revelation 14:6).

Did you know the word "gospel" means "good news"? Actually, it's beyond good—it's the best news anyone could ever receive! Read a super-simple explanation of the gospel in Romans 3:22-23, then put this idea into the fewest words possible and write it on the megaphone below. Add some designs and color the megaphone.



Jesus Did It!

Fill in the blank spaces with the correct letters.

LUKE 2:6, 7

Jesus l ____ as a human being on earth.

ROMANS 5:8

Jesus d ____ in my place to save me from sin's penalty.

MATTHEW 28:5-7

Jesus r ____ from the grave so I can live forever.

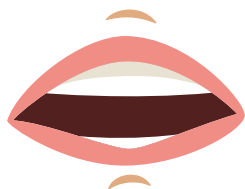
What word sums up these three ideas? Hint: you've already seen it several times in this study guide! It's the g ____ !



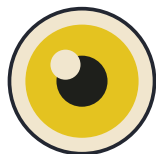
Was Jesus Real?

Some people think Jesus never existed. After all, nobody can prove that He actually did exist, right? True. But that doesn't mean He didn't exist. Nobody can prove Abraham Lincoln or Anne Frank or Martin Luther King Jr. or your great-great grandmother existed either—we have to rely on their written and/or spoken words, people who knew them, photographs, and other evidence.

It's important to understand the difference between proof and evidence. There is no proof, such as His skeleton, that Jesus existed, but there's plenty of evidence, including



Jesus' own words in the Bible and whether or not they work in real life.



Bible authors who were eyewitnesses to Jesus' life and ministry.



Archaeological discoveries that support the Bible's story.



Ancient historians, politicians, and other writers who mention Jesus.

You can recall this main idea by memorizing the acronym W.O.E. (English). This stands for "Weight of Evidence," which simply means which way the "scales" tip when all the evidence is placed on them. In Jesus' case, the scales tip heavily in His favor.

Real Evidence

Unscramble the words in the photo captions to discover some evidence that helps show the story of Jesus is true.



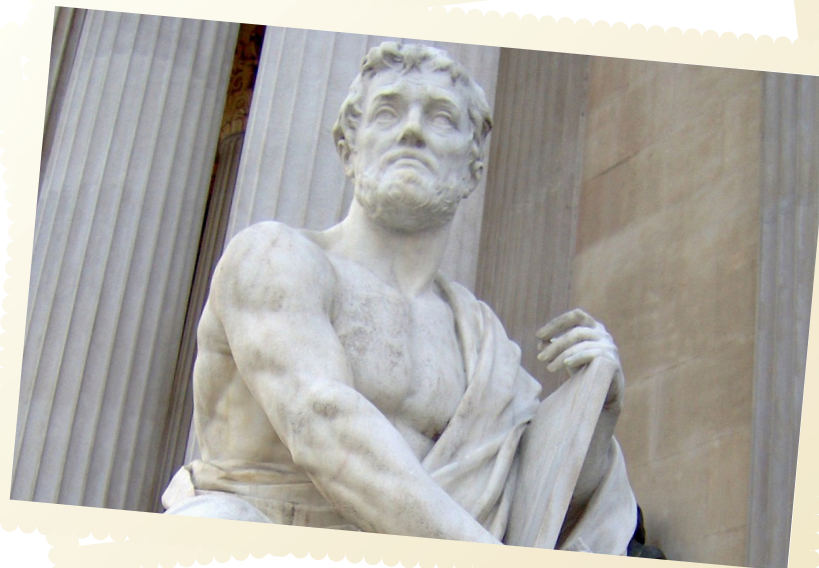
Olive trees in the RAGDEN FO SAMEGETHEN, where the Bible says Jesus prayed and was taken into custody just before His death. (See Matthew 26:36-50.)

Answer: _____



Many experts believe this is the actual ossuary, or “bone box,” containing the bones of Caiaphas, the GIIHH RESTIP who was opposed to Jesus and later involved in His trial. (See John 11:49-53 and Matthew 26:57.) The writing on the box says “Joseph, son of Caiaphas” in a Bible-times language. The remains of six people were found in the box, including those of a man about 60-years-old—probably Caiaphas himself.

Answer: _____

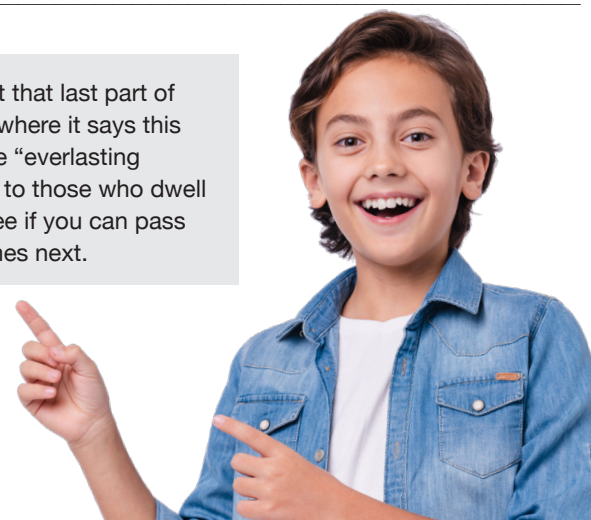


A historian and Roman senator named Tacitus wrote about SUEJS in AD 64. Here’s some of what he wrote:

“Christus [Christ], from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus.” —Annals, Book 15, chapter 44

Answer: _____

But what about that last part of Revelation 14:6, where it says this first angel has the “everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth”? See if you can pass the quiz that comes next.



TAKE THE WORLD'S EASIEST QUIZ

1. What is the current year?

2. Approximately how many years have passed since Jesus' death?

This may be the first quiz you ever got 100% on, but it makes an important point. As you may know, Jesus' presence on planet Earth ended up "splitting" the calendar between BC and AD. He died in AD 31. That means Christians have been sharing the gospel for just about 2000 years. Sometimes the gospel spread rapidly, but at other times Satan made it very hard for people to share the good news. But the gospel survived! Now the first angel is reminding us that everything in the three angels' messages is built on the timeless truth that Jesus took our place and died for our sins. This angel is making a final push for us to "preach," or share, that life-changing message one last time with the world.

The three angels' messages tell us (reveal) some crucial things that need to happen before Jesus comes back to take His followers to heaven. Thanks to Jesus and the book of Revelation, how to be ready is no mystery.

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— Write your name in the blank space and add today's date on the cut-out card above. Next, cut out the back piece found on page 14. (If you don't want to cut up your study guide, photocopy the two pieces.) Paste or tape the two card pieces together. You may wish to keep the card in your wallet or elsewhere as a reminder of your end-time mission!



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