

We have learned previously about using the Sword of the Spirit, by learning, saying, and praying Bible promises. Helmut Haubeil, author of 'Steps to Personal Revival' which is available for free from steps-to-personal-revival.info says that he noticed a number of changes after he started using Bible promises in his prayers. He writes:

- While reading the Bible I often have new and encouraging insights.
- In the battle with temptation, I can remain victorious.
- My prayer time has become very precious to me and brings me great joy.
- God answers many of my prayers.
- I have greater joy and more 'boldness' to tell about Jesus.
- I have become more sociable with my own friends.
- I live happily through God's grace and feel safe in His hand.
- In a difficult phase the Lord sustained me in a wonderful way and strengthened me.
- I realized what spiritual gifts the Lord had given me.
- Criticism has stopped. When I hear others criticizing, I feel uncomfortable.

A Testimony:

Samuel's church has 1365 members. Five months ago, he received a copy of the 'Step to Personal Revival,' and read it. Inspired by the message in the book, he decided to introduce the message in the book to the elders of his church, but the elders showed no interest. He suggested a revival and although they were not interested, he pushed for it until they agreed. A date was set, and he began to prepare the congregation.

Samuel convinced the financially able members to contribute the funds needed for revival materials. Over 600 members contributed, but Samuel was greatly discouraged to note that none of the elders of the church contributed, making it clear to him that the church leadership was not in support of the revival program. However, the program took place, and the Elders were amazed at what they heard and saw, witnessing the spirit of revival. They were given a copy of the book, and they were also greatly revived. The church has now promised to make revival programs a priority.

Arrested!

Sabbath

Jesus gave His followers several commands or things to do. One command was to wash each other's feet like He washed His disciple's feet, to eat the special bread and drink the special grape juice. Another command was to preach the good news about Jesus everywhere.



Sunday

Jesus had returned to Heaven and His followers had received the Holy Spirit. As a result of their preaching many new people had believed.



Then Peter and John had healed the lame man, and even more people believed in Jesus. But priests were angry when they saw more and more people believing in Jesus, so they sent guards to arrest Peter and John and put them in jail.



The next day the council of priests, rulers, elders and teachers of religious law met in Jerusalem. They brought in Peter and John and demanded, "By what power, or in whose name, did you heal the lame man?"

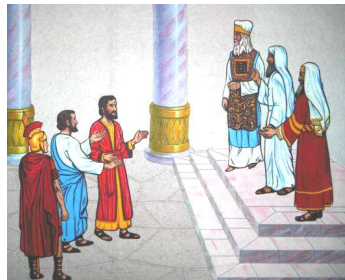
Then Peter preached to them about how Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead, to save people.

The council were amazed at how well Peter spoke, even though he had never been to school. "What should we do with these men?" they asked each other. "We can't deny that they performed a miracle, everyone in Jerusalem is talking about it."

So they commanded Peter and John never again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus.

But Peter and John replied, "Should we obey you or God? We cannot stop telling people about Jesus and the things we have seen and heard."

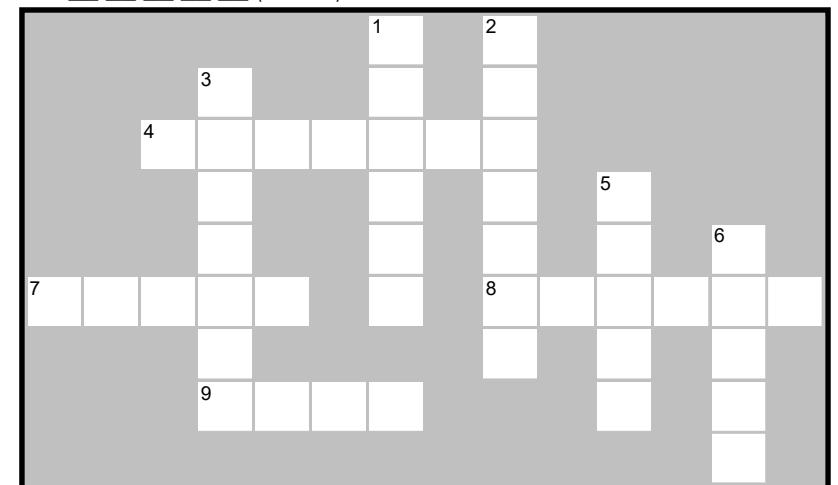
The council finally let them go because they did not want to start a riot and did not know what else to do.



Friday

Do you want Jesus to take away your sins and make you spiritually clean? Do you want to follow Jesus and live with Him in heaven when He returns? That's what we are saying whenever we have a communion service at church.

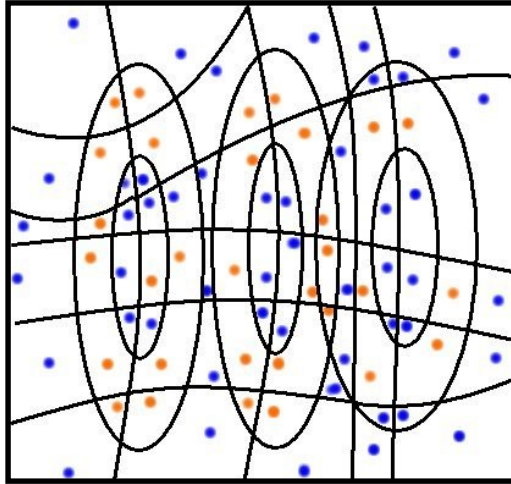
- What did Jesus say we must do before God will forgive us? Matthew 6:14 _____ (4 across) others.
- What else must we do? 1 John 1:9 _____ (3 down) our sins to God.
- And then what will he do? 1 John 1:9 _____ (2 down) us from our unrighteousness or wickedness.
- David wrote in Psalm 51:7^{NLT}, "Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me and I will be _____ (1 down) than _____ (9 across). David was talking about spiritual cleanness.
- The disciples did not want to wash each others feet because that was normally done by a servant. Who did it instead? _____ (6 down)
- Jesus said He did not come to be _____ (8 across), but to _____ (5 down). Matthew 20:28. He wants us to do the same.
- 1 John 4:10 says that Jesus died for our sins because He _____ (7 across) US.



Thursday

If someone tells you to do something that the Bible says not to do, who are they listening to?

Who should you listen to and obey?



Here is something that Peter remembered and that we should remember when bad things seem to be happening.

Romans 8:31, 32_{NLT}

If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

Since He did not spare even His own Son but gave Him up for us all, won't He also give us everything else?



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Monday

Peter and John replied "Should we obey you or God?" And when the same thing happens another time Peter says, "We must obey _ _ _ _ ." Acts 5:29

Today we are going to look at what Jesus commanded regarding the Passover.

The first Passover was celebrated the night the angel of death 'passed over' Egypt, and every year thereafter. The bread was unleavened to remind them how suddenly they left Egypt - they didn't have time to make yeasted bread.

On the Thursday before He died, Jesus celebrated the Passover meal with His disciples - that's when He changed the Passover and made it a reminder of His death on the cross.

Read the story in John 13:1-17 and Matthew 26:26-29 and fill in the missing words below:

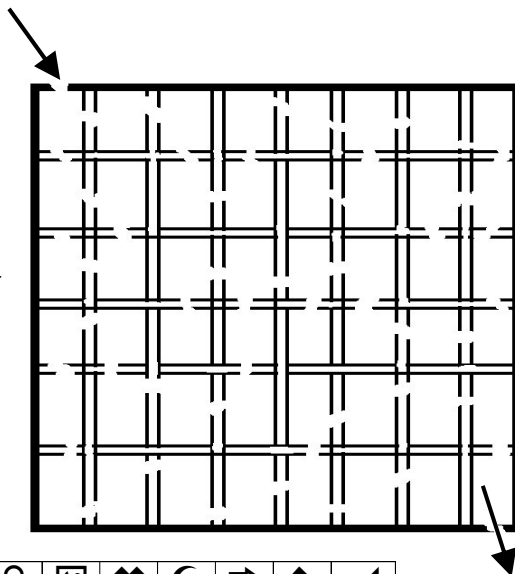
Jesus poured _ _ _ _ _ into a basin and began to wash and dry His disciples _ _ _ _ . When He had finished, He told them they should wash each other's _ _ _ _ .

Jesus took the _ _ _ _ _ and blessed it, then broke it and said, "Take this and _ _ _ it; my _ _ _ _ _ will be broken for you." Then He took the grape juice and blessed it; He passed it around saying, "My _ _ _ _ _ will pour out as a sacrifice for sin."

Tuesday

Things were going great; more and more people believed in Jesus; and then Peter and John were arrested and thrown in jail! Find your way through the jail bars.

What did Peter say to the priests? Acts 4:18^{NLT}



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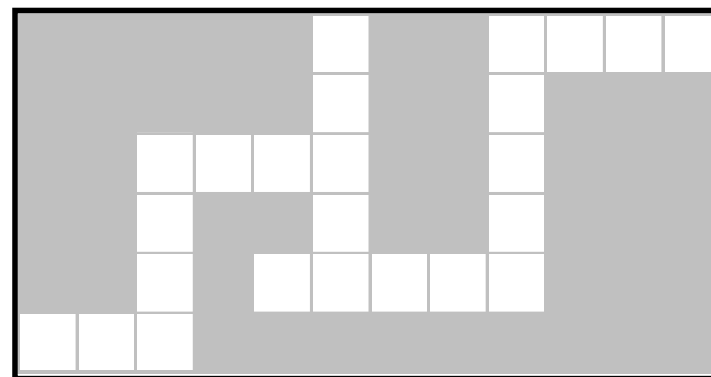
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Wednesday

Fit the words from Monday into the grid.



Unscramble the words below to show what the different parts of communion represent.

The foot _____ (GNAWISH) represents _____ (EUISS) removing our _____ (NISS) and making us spiritually clean.

The special unleavened _____ (REBAD) represents Jesus' _____ (DYBO) which was broken on the _____ (SCORS).



The grape juice represents Jesus' _____ (BODLO) which was poured out on the cross to cleanse us from _____ (INS).