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John 20:19-31

Birthday cards

1. A clergyman receives a birthday card from his children on his 65th birthday. The front said, "Inside is a message from God."

Pleased they had chosen a meaningful religious card, over some inappropriate humorous one, he opened it to read, "See you soon!"

2. Statistics prove, the more birthdays you celebrate, the longer you live.

3. Three elderly men are walking along a beach. The first man says to the second, "It is windy."

To which the second man replied, "No, it's Thursday."

Which is when the third man chimed in, "I agree. Let's get a beer."

No Good Deed Goes Unpunished

There was a lady, who on Holy Saturday afternoon was doing some baking for her Easter dinner the next day. There was a knock at the door. She answered the door and found a man, dressed in shabby clothes, looking for some odd jobs. He asked her if there was anything he could do.

Feeling especially "Christian" this close to Easter, she was inclined to give the man some work and so she asked, "Can you paint?"

"Yes," he said. "I'm a rather good painter."

"Just a minute," she said, and left. Returning shortly, she continued, "Well then, here are two gallons of green paint and a brush, and there's a porch out back that needs to be painted. Please do a good job. I'll pay you what the job is worth."

He said, "That's great. I will be done quickly."

She went back to her baking and did not think much more about it until there was again a knock at the door. She went, opened the door, and the man was standing there. It was obvious he had been painting for he had green paint on his clothes.

She asked, "You finished the job already?"

"Yes," he said

"Did you do a GOOD job?", she asked

"Yes, he said, "but lady, there's one thing I would like to point out to you. That, back there, it's not a Porsche. That is a Mercedes."

Lightbulb jokes

Q: How many Episcopalians does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Three. One to call the electrician, one to mix the drinks, and one to talk about how much better the old one was.

Q: How many Unitarians does it take to change a light bulb?

A: We choose not to make a statement either in favor of or against the need for a light bulb. However, if in your own journey you have found that light bulbs work for you, that is fine. You are invited to write a poem or compose a modern dance about your personal relationship with your light bulb and present it next month at our annual Light Bulb Sunday Service, in which we will explore a number of light bulb traditions, including incandescent, fluorescent, three-way, long-life and tinted, all of which are equally valid paths to luminescence.

Q: How many church choir directors does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: No one knows, because no one ever looks at the director.

Finding God

I opened a tub of margarine and there, in the margarine, was the face of Jesus. I took it around to my neighbor, Mr. Patel, who shook his head and said, "I can't believe it's not Buddha."

Jamie: God, how long is a million years to you?

God: It is but a second, Jamie.

Jamie: God, how much is a million dollars to you?

God: It is but a penny to me, Jamie.

Jamie: God, can I have a penny?

God: Just a second, Jamie.

Heaven and Hell

A woman in her late nineties had a visitor from her church come to see her at the nursing home.

"How are you?" the visitor asked.

"Oh," said the elderly woman, "I'm just worried sick!"

"You look like you're in good health. They take good care of you here, don't they?"

"Oh, yes, they take good care of me here."

"Do you have any pain?" the visitor asked.

"No, I can't say I do," the elderly woman replied.

"Then what has you worried sick?" the visitor asked.

The elderly woman leaned in and explained, "All of my closest friends have already died and gone to heaven. I'm sure they are all wondering where I went!"

At the pearly gates, a taxi driver and a minister are waiting in line. St. Peter consults his list and says to

the taxi driver, “Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven.”

St. Peter next greets the minister saying, “Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven.”

“Just a minute,” says the minister. “That man was a taxi driver, and he gets a silken robe and golden staff while I get a cotton robe and wooden staff. How can this be?”

“Up here, we work by results,” says St. Peter. “While you preached, people slept; while he drove, people prayed.”

The old preacher had spent 40 years pastoring in the same church and was highly respected in the community. The end of his life was drawing near and as he lay on his death bed he asked for the local banker and the local lawyer to come and spend his last hours with him. Both were impressed that they would be asked, because they respected his faith. So they wondered what great pearl of wisdom the old pastor wished to share with them.

As they enter his room he motioned for one to sit on his left and one on his right. As they sat down, a great peace came upon the man of God. 30 minutes passed and not a word was spoken.

Finally, the banker leaned forward and asked, “Reverend, we were wondering what great pearl of wisdom you may want to share with us, since you called us here.”

The old preacher looked at him and replied, “As you know, Jesus has been the example I have striven to live by all my life, and, since he died between two thieves, I decided that is the way I wanted to go.”

Preachers’ Problems

A preacher’s little boy inquired, “Daddy, I notice every Sunday morning, when you first come out to preach, you sit up on the platform and bow your head. What are you doing?”

The father, grateful that his son is taking such an interest in his spiritual work, explained, “I’m praying, asking God to give me a good sermon.”

Looking a little puzzled, the boy asked, “So why doesn’t God answer your prayer?”

As the preacher entered the pulpit, it was obvious for all to see that there was a band aid on his chin; “I’m sorry about this band aid. I cut my chin this morning, when I was thinking about my sermon.”

Suddenly, a voice from the congregation was heard to ask, “Next time, why not think about your chin and cut the sermon?”

Preacher: Can everyone hear me at the back?

Voice from the back: Yes, but I wouldn't mind changing seats with someone who can't.

For the Trustees:

What's the difference between giving God a tithe and giving a tip? A tip is 15%.

Do you know your Bible?

Q: What kind of man was Boaz before he married?

A: Ruth-less

Q: Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A: Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q: Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A: Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q: What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A: Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury.
David's Triumph was heard throughout the land.
And, Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Q: Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A: Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

Q: Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

A: The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.

Q: Which Bible character had no parents?

A: Joshua, son of Nun.

Tell favorite joke.