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BOASTING ABOUT TOMORROW!

King Solomon once wrote the following: *"Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."* (Proverbs 27:1) In spite of this wise warning about taking life for granted, people still boast about their plans for tomorrow as though tomorrow were guaranteed to them. The truth is, no one has a guarantee of tomorrow. You could die today or Jesus could come back today! **The "Rich Man Whose Barns Overflowed"** that we read about in Luke 12:13-21 thought he had plenty of tomorrows to enjoy his prosperity, but he was sadly mistaken. God said to him: *"Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided."* James 4:14 says this: *"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."* Be sure to put God first in your life at all times, and you will not have to worry about tomorrow! (Matthew 6:25-34)

IF JESUS COMES TODAY, WILL YOU BE READY?

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S BIBLE QUESTIONS:

The prophet Isaiah spoke of the "roundness of the earth" in Isaiah 40:22 when he said speaking of God: "It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth."

According to John 19:25, Mary the mother of Jesus, and her sister who was also named Mary, who was the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene, were the three women standing at the cross of Jesus. The apostle John, who spoke of himself as that "disciple whom Jesus loved", was there as well.

QUESTIONS FOR THIS MONTH:

What is the name of the prophetess who led Israel to victory over Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army? (What is the name of the man who fought along side of her?)

What one thing did Dorcas and Eutychus have in common?

WHAT WE LEARN FROM THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS!

1. That Jesus is truly the Son of God! Romans 1:4 Says that Jesus was "declared to be the Son of God with power...by the resurrection from the dead."
2. Our own resurrection has been assured! 1st Corinthians 15:22 says "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."
3. There is a judgment day to come! Acts 17:31 says "Christ's resurrection is the assurance of the Judgment Day to come!"

WASH AND BE CLEAN!

In 2nd Kings 5:1-14 we read the story of Naaman, who was the captain of the army of the king of Syria. He was also a leper. The prophet Elisha sent a message to him that if he wished to be cleansed of his leprosy, that he needed to dip in the Jordan River 7 times and the leprosy would then be removed. This message didn't please Naaman very much. He had his own ideas as to how he should have been cleansed of his leprosy. He was angry for a while but then the messenger of Elisha said to Naaman that if he had been instructed to do some great thing he would have no doubt not hesitated to do it. He then said to Naaman **"How much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean."** Naaman then went and dipped in the Jordan River 7 times and his leprosy was removed by God because of his obedience to the instructions he had received.

Today Jesus has given simple instructions in order for a person to have **"his sins washed away."** As Ananias told Saul of Tarsus: **"And now why tarriest thou; Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."** (Acts 22:16) But just like Naaman did, people go away in a rage at the suggestion that man has anything to do for his salvation other than to believe in Jesus Christ. However it is only when a person obeys the gospel instructions to **"wash and be clean"** that their **"sins will be forgiven by God."** This is the clear teaching of such passages as Mark 16:16 where Jesus said **"He that believeth, and is baptized shall be saved; and he that believeth not shall be damned."** Many other passages teach that baptism is essential for salvation. (Acts 2:38/Romans 6:3-4/1st Peter 3:18) Are you ready to "wash and be clean?"