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## Foiling A Wicked Plot

On Sunday 20 May 1604, Guy Fawkes initially met with his Catholic co-conspirators at the Duck and Drake Inn, London. They plotted to blow up the English parliament with gunpowder and assassinate King James I, a Protestant. Interestingly, the translation of the King James Bible also began in 1604.

Thankfully, their wicked plot was foiled. On 5 November 1605, Londoners were encouraged to celebrate the King's escape from assassination by lighting bonfires. From 1650, fireworks became part of this annual celebration. This tradition continues in New Zealand.

The Bible warns us of a far more serious plot. It warns us of an arch-deceiver (Satan) who has plotted the downfall of humanity.

His plot has succeeded against many. Many have gone to their graves not having a true and committed relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

The plots of Satan are so serious the Bible even warns us to take up the full armour of God to withstand them. The armour includes the breastplate of righteousness, the belt of truth, the shield of faith, the shoes of the preparation of the gospel of peace, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

If just one piece of a soldier's armour is missing he or she is in grave danger. It's the same in spiritual warfare. Do you have your *full* spiritual armour on? Will the evil plot for your eternal destruction be foiled as Guy Fawkes' plot was? I pray it will be.

*Written by Pastor David Kidd*



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## The Father and Son – both God

To the monotheistic Jews there was and is, only one God. This is the God they knew of old, from the time when Moses first made known to them the great 'I Am' at the end of 400 years of Egyptian bondage. Prior to that, they had accounts and records of God's dealings with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - the Jewish patriarchs; individual men whom God dealt with in a direct relationship.

Hearing nothing for 400 years (10 generations) must have indeed seemed like God did not exist, rendering perhaps the patriarchal accounts to some vague historical events unlikely to re-occur. Even Moses anticipated the people's difficulty in accepting that God had now reappeared, and more importantly, that He was about to do something for His people that previously would have been unthinkable. After all, for countless generations they had been exposed to, and somewhat accepting of, the myriad of Egyptian Gods – all worshipped according to their name. Anticipating this Moses asked God, *"what shall I say when the people ask who is this God and what is His name"?*

This 400 year period heralded a change in the way God was now going to deal with His people (similar in kind to the 400

year inter-testament period). No longer was He going to be dealing with individual men, but rather a nation. This was in fact foretold to Jacob when God said that He would make a great nation of his descendants. All the while God used the power and might of Egypt to protect His people whilst building them up to become a nation.



Although alluded to in Psalms by David under the influence of the Holy Spirit (which Jesus used to counter the Pharisees denial – *The Lord said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, until I make your enemies Your footstool.* (Psalms 110:1), there was no teaching of a duality of God, as both Father and Son. Without the Holy Spirit it would have been impossible to fathom the relationship between Jesus, as both God creator and God of the Old Testament, with that of God the Father. In fact that revelation was a large part of Jesus's ministry, revealing the Father both in word and deed. *"For I have come down from*

*heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."* (John 6:38)

*"...He who has seen Me has seen the Father..."* (John 14:9b)

Still, when Jesus came among them they did not recognise Him as the God that they professed to know. In fact, they showed outright hostility toward Him because He claimed truthfully, that He was the Son of God. So now it is revealed, that there is both a Father and Son, and that both are equally God.

*"Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God"* (Philippians 2:6). (The very nature of God)

The Father bestowed absolute power and authority upon Jesus. Can two beings exercise supreme power and control at the same time?

Well thankfully for us we have a detailed account of how that is possible, specifically I believe, to help us understand that relationship and concept for today. We find that account way back in the middle of Genesis. It is the story of Joseph, who is an antitype of Jesus Christ. The study of Joseph helps us to understand the dichotomy of how two beings with supreme power and authority can exist and rule as one, at the same time.

Because the parallels are too numerous to document in this article I will limit them to a few, but encourage you to read the full story starting from Genesis chapter 37.

Joseph was accused of being a dreamer, even predicting that his Mother and Father would bow down to him (Genesis 37:11). However, we are told that his Father kept this matter in mind, just as the Mother of Jesus did when she was told of things concerning her child (Luke 2:19).

By reason of jealousy, being much beloved by the Father, Joseph was a threat to the brothers' inheritance and thus they conspired to kill him (Genesis 37:18). This mirrored Jesus' own experience (Mark 14:1); and elsewhere: *"This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance."* (Matthew 21:38).



Joseph was thereafter sold for 20 shekels of silver and left to die in a pit by his 12 brothers (Genesis 37:28). Jesus had 12 apostles. One betrayed Him for 30 talents of silver whilst the others later abandoned Him to His fate. Later, both Joseph and Jesus were reconciled to their brothers, 'but' not before they stripped him of

his tunic (v.23) and (Matthew 27:28).

Joseph escaped death by being taken down to Egypt. Likewise Jesus escaped Herod's decree that all the young born children be killed by being taken down to Egypt. However, as we know, this was only a temporary sojourn, for both Joseph and Jesus later returned to their homeland *"And out of Egypt I called My son."* (Hosea 11:1)

Joseph was completely innocent of the charges brought against him yet still suffered the consequent punishment as though he had been guilty. Whilst in jail he learned obedience, yet God was with him, gave him strength and eventually magnified him. It is clear that this typifies our Lord Jesus.

Upon his release from jail we read: *"Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt"* Genesis 41:46, having received Pharaoh's signet ring granting him authorisation to act fully on his behalf in every and all manner of things; Pharaoh himself having personally placed the signet ring on Joseph's hand v.42. God said of Jesus. *"This is My Son whom I have chosen. Listen to him."* (Luke 9:35b) NIV.

Jesus as we know commenced His ministry at age thirty (Luke 3:23) and was actually known as the son of Joseph.

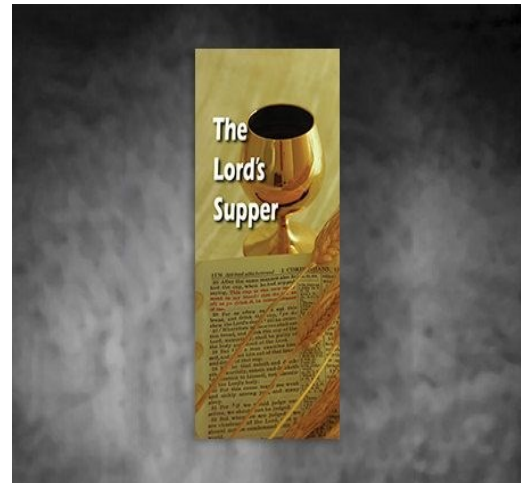
All things consist and are held together by the power of Christ (Colossians 1:17) - Literally the entire atomic structure of everything in the universe.

In conclusion, God due to His righteousness can never go against His Holiness. He can never have anything to do with sin. That is why it was necessary for Jesus to take on the weight of the whole world's sin, and why God separated Himself from His Son when that happened. Jesus is neither made of, nor born of, something other than the same substance as that which is God the Father ('being of the same **form** as the Father'. Philippians 2:6). In like manner, as Eve was formed out of Adam's body, so Jesus was **begotten** by the Father. Not created. Thus Jesus can truly say that He is without beginning and without end.

Also, the power to create life is only found in the Father and His Son (John 5:21). No wonder Jesus said that He and the Father are one (John 10:30).

Jesus will remain exercising full power and authority, with all things being made subject to Him, except the Father, who is the one who put all things under His Son (1 Corinthians 15:27). Thus the central and most profound message found in the story of Joseph demonstrating the relationship between the Father and His Son Jesus is found in Genesis 41:40.

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*"You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you."*

Jesus invites **all believers** of all races and genders, to participate in His memorial service.

Only when all things are fully made subject to Him (Jesus), at the end of the Millennium period, will He then in one great act of obedience and recognition, hand everything back to the Father, at which time the Kingdom of God will be permanently established.

*"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."* Galatians 3:28

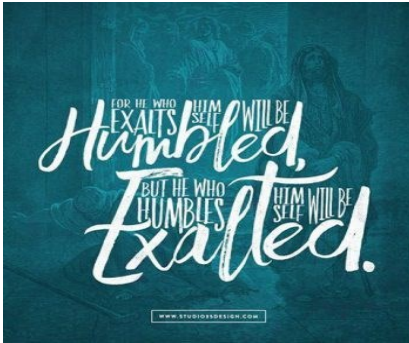
As Joseph served Pharaoh, Jesus does the will of the Father, but the reality still remains that Father and Son are both God. \*

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\* God is a title, not a name.

**Union with Christ  
Fellowship in communion**

1.	Manassah	5.	Benjamin
2.	Raven	6.	Water turned into blood
3.	Grandson		
4.	12		



Gory to glory  
Darkness to light  
Humble exalted  
Weakness to might

Servant to savior  
Laid low to pierce  
Lamb into lion  
Gentle to fierce

Lower than angels  
Seemingly small  
Highly exalted  
Name above All

Selfless submitting  
Beaten with cords  
Suffering savior  
Lord above Lords

Jesus rejected  
Hammering rings  
Humble exalted  
King above kings!

**Humble Exalted**  
by Rob Dilworth



*What a blessed time we had at this year's conference! The uplifting worship, sermons (United in Fellowship and Committed to Discipleship) and fellowship brought God's Spirit and His love through His Son Jesus Christ close to all who attended.*

*Visitors from United States, Jamaica and New Zealand brought a wonderful international flavour and awareness of how we are a part of a larger group of believers united in Jesus Christ.*

*All agreed that the meal times spent together were one of the highlights of the conference, because it established a deeper relationship with each other. Sharing food and enjoying each others company is a gift from God.*



*On the Sabbath there were 70 in attendance. So many shared in the worship service and the concert afterwards. We were blessed to hear God's Word expounded through readings, children's time and the sermon.*



*There was an international flavour to the concert. African, Jamaican, Spanish and many others praised our Heavenly Father and His Son.*

Pastor Phil Kordahi



**LEST WE  
FORGET**



On Passover night before his crucifixion Jesus took the bread and the wine and told His disciples to do the same in remembrance of him. The Apostle Paul wrote: *For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me (1 Corinthians. 11:23-25).*

In our society, remembrance services are usually annual events. Our church tradition is also to remember the Lord in this very special way by annually taking the bread and the wine on this important evening.

We remember the horrendous physical, mental and spiritual suffering Jesus endured for us. We remember the way Jesus suffered for us – willingly, honourably and with dignity. We remember the love and grace it took Jesus to suffer and die for us. We remember why Jesus endured this – because of our sins and need for redemption. We remember what Jesus accomplished at the cross – victory over sin and the grave. We also remember Jesus rose from the dead and is alive seated at the right hand of God the Father!

May you also remember the marvellous things God has done for you through Christ and let it transform your life each and every day.

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## The Plausibility of Miracles

It's wonderful how science is making the idea of an all-powerful, all-knowing and omnipresent God so much easier to believe.

Take for example Skype. If we lived only 200 years ago and I said to you one day you could be on the other side of the world and you will be able to see me and talk to me instantaneously, you would probably think I'd gone mad. The thought of God being able to hear our prayers instantly doesn't seem so strange anymore does it?

And what about the thought of God being able to receive, process and remember millions of incoming prayers all at once, or the thought of God being able to create billions of things in just six days? Well, now we have computers. The world's most powerful computer can perform billions of calculations and other functions per second.

Need I also mention the x-ray machine that sees through into our inner parts just as God can see what's going on in our minds? Need I mention the wonders of the internet and surveillance technology that can record all we do and can keep a permanent record of it until the Day of Judgment?

It shouldn't be too hard then in this age of technological wonders for us to believe in a God who can do these things so much better than us.

Jesus' various miracles should also be more plausible to us. Why not then take another look at the greatest man whoever walked the earth?

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# Youth Corner

For example, F → → ↓ = Q

**Puzzle #1**

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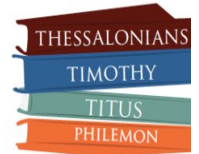
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Jesus said, "I am \_\_\_\_\_"  
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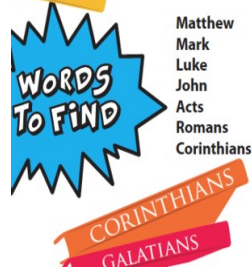
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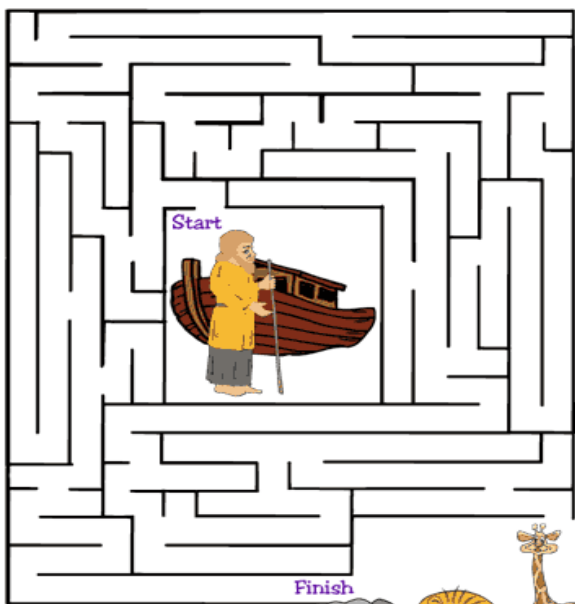
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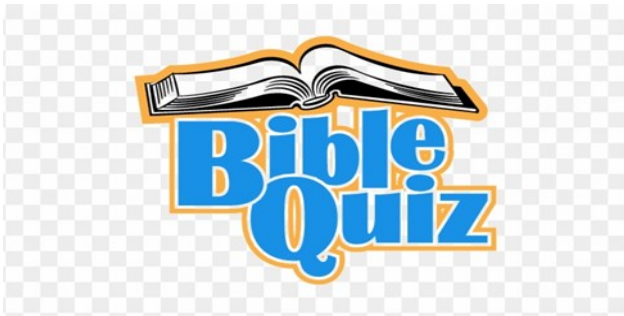


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 Help Noah Find the Animals



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At the time of the census conducted by Moses in the first chapter of Numbers, which of the twelve tribes of Israel was the smallest?

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What kind of bird brought Elijah food while he hid in the Kerith Ravine, east of Jordan?

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What relation was Jacob to Abraham?

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How many 'minor prophets' are there?

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What was the name of Joseph's youngest brother?

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What was the first plague the Lord sent on Egypt?

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## God and the Holy Spirit

Throughout the Bible

"The one true God who has revealed Himself as a personal Father and Son now comes to the world and dwells within His people through the Spirit. The Bible texts speak of this divine agency in various terms: e.g., Holy Spirit, the Spirit, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Truth, and the Spirit of Christ. All of these refer to the same entity."

*"I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;..."*

Joel 2:28a

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