



The Caller

A Weekly Newsletter of the Elizabethtown church of Christ
Vol. XXXIV June 17, 2018 No. 22

Confidence Corner John F. Board

In this week's *Confidence Corner* we want to offer a thought regarding a newer claim that the Bible contradicts itself. This particular claim involves an event surrounding the resurrection of Christ. I hope this will help to

clear up what some claim to be a contradiction in God's Word.

First, let me remind you that the law of contradiction states that a thing cannot both be, and not be at the same time, place, or sense. We have illustrated that everything that appears to be a contradiction is actually a contradiction (illustration using the phrase "the door is open the door is closed.")

Critics will claim that though each account of the Gospel contains a tomb experience that Matthew writes that an angel was present (28:5), Mark notes the presence of a young man in a long white robe (16:5), Luke writes that two men were there in shining garments (24:4), and John states Mary saw two angels in white (20:12). So who is correct? Can they all be correct? Remember our responsibility is to provide one possible solution as to how the accounts can be harmonized.

Not considering the fact that a close reading of each passage will show that at least in some of the accounts there are two different appearances (for example Matthew's one angel is before the women leave to tell the disciples and John's two angels is after Mary returns with the disciples), even if it was the same event at the same time, is there any possible explanation?

There is! Though one writer could mention the total number of men or angels, another writer could focus on just one angel or man. Consider if two men walked into a bank and one had a gun and shot a number of people. If the news report said "A Gunman Enters Bank and Shoots Numerous People" is that necessarily an incorrect statement? One person is definitely included if a writer mentions two, so that is not contradictory. Also is it possible that God sent angels in the form of man and thus they could be described as both men and angels without it being a contradiction? There are other examples in Scripture where such language is employed. Much more could be written but space does not permit. Think on this a bit and see if it does not make sense

jfb

Jesus is disappearing. He is disappearing from our country, our neighborhoods, our homes, and even our ministries. There is a saying that has been said in pop culture more than once, and though the phrase itself has faded, the attitude certainly has not. "Yolo" is a phrase heard in songs, movies, and other forms of pop culture. It can be translated into our native dialect as "You Only Live Once." This attitude or way of living has been around for many years before its worldwide dispersion.

How about we look at the phrase from a different angle. I only have one life to live, how am I going to use it to glorify God and His love for me? From generation to generation we thought that the fix to keeping teenagers in church was to beat into them the do's and don'ts of Christianity. In doing that we have failed to show them Jesus. I as a youth worker have failed to teach the love of Christ. Are we doing all that we can to help children fall in love with God? Following rules and statutes doesn't matter if we don't love Christ.

As a Youth Minister I make it my goal to help kids fall in love with Jesus. If we tell kids who Jesus really is, they no longer go to church out of fear of going to hell but rather they serve Christ because of gratitude, joy, and love for Him. Today I serve God and His Son because of my love for Him not because of my fear of going to hell.

The overwhelming feeling of joy because of my love for Jesus cannot be matched by any amount of happiness in this world. "You only live once." Will you use your one life to come to truly know Jesus? The reward for doing so is greater than anything this world can offer.

Mitchell's Weekly Manna
Mitchell Lockhart

Sunday's Sermons:

**A.M. — 6 "R"s of Repentance
Acts 17:30**

**P.M. — The Golden Rule
Matthew 7:12**



BIG REEDY CHRISTIAN CAMP 2018 AWARDS

Ideal Camper—Male

1st Place John Woodring
2nd Place Keegan Dunn
3rd Place Uriah Garrison

Ideal Camper—Female

1st Place Reagan White
2nd Place Hayden Hutson
3rd Place Emma Ponder

Bible Class Awards

1st-3rd Grade

Male Uriah Garrison
Female Haylee McAlister

4th-6th Grade

Male Caleb Golwitzer
Female Carly DeArmond

7th-8th Grade

Male John Woodring
Female Grace Yocum

9th-12th Grade

Male Samuel Yocum
Female Avery Walker



Friendliest —Male

1st Place Samuel Yocum
2nd Place John Woodring
3rd Place(tie) Keegan Dunn & Wyatt Mason

Friendliest—Female

1st Place Hayden Hutson
2nd Place Reagan White
3rd Place Isabel Hargan

Directors' Award

Renee Lackey