



Ask the Preacher Night

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Question #1 – How did God get the bush to talk?

A) Exodus 3:1-4 – *1 Now Moses was pasturing the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 The angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed. 3 So Moses said, "I must turn aside now and see this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up." 4 When the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."*

B) God created the bush.

C) So if He wanted the bush to talk – He could!

D) He had a donkey talk for Him once

E) Numbers 22:22-34 – *22 But God was angry because he was going, and the angel of the LORD took his stand in the way as an adversary against him. Now he was riding on his donkey and his two servants were with him. 23 When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way with his drawn sword in his hand, the donkey turned off from the way and went into the field; but Balaam struck the donkey to turn her back into the way. 24 Then the angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path of the vineyards, with a wall on this side and a wall on that side. 25 When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, she pressed herself to the wall and pressed Balaam's foot against the wall, so he struck her again. 26 The angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place where there was no way to turn to the right hand or the left. 27 When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, she lay down under Balaam; so Balaam was angry and struck the donkey with his stick. 28 And the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?" 29 Then Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have made a mockery of me! If there had been a sword in my hand, I would have killed you by now." 30 The donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey on which you have ridden all your life to this day? Have I ever been accustomed to do so to you?" And he said, "No." 31 Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way with his drawn sword in his hand; and he bowed all the way to the ground. 32 The angel of the LORD said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out as an adversary, because your way was contrary to me. 33 "But the donkey saw me and turned aside from me these three times. If she had not turned aside from me, I would surely have killed you just now, and let her live." 34 Balaam said to the angel of the LORD, "I have sinned, for I did not know that you were standing in the way against me. Now then, if it is displeasing to you, I will turn back."*





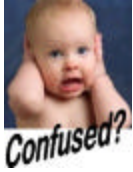
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Question #2 – Why did they want to kill Jesus when He was a Child?

- A) **Matthew 2:16-18** - 16 Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi. 17 Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: 18 "A VOICE WAS HEARD IN RAMAH, WEEPING AND GREAT MOURNING, RACHEL WEEPING FOR HER CHILDREN; AND SHE REFUSED TO BE COMFORTED, BECAUSE THEY WERE NO MORE."
- B) **Herod was tricked by the Magi and got angry**
- C) **To fulfill Scripture from the Old Testament – Jeremiah 31:15**



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Christmas Trivia

1. The story of Jesus' birth is told in two of the Gospels. Do you know which two?

Matthew and Luke

2. What was the name of the angel who visited Mary to tell her she was going to have a baby by the Holy Spirit?

Gabriel

3. Apart from telling Mary that she was to have a baby and call him Jesus, what else did the angel tell her?

That her cousin was pregnant.

4. Why were Joseph and Mary in Bethlehem when Jesus was born?

Because of the census.

5. Were Joseph and Mary given the best room in the inn?

No

6. Who were the first people to visit them after the baby was born?

Shepherds

7. We don't know for certain how many Magi (wise men) came to visit Jesus, but the Bible does tell us which direction they came from. Do you know which direction it was?

They came from the east

8. The Magi stopped off in Jerusalem to see the King - what was his name?

Herod

9. Jewish Law required that baby boys be taken to the Temple (or synagogue) when only a few days old, so Joseph and Mary took Jesus to Jerusalem when he was still tiny. There they met two people who also knew how special this baby was. Do you know who they were?

Simeon and Anna

10. Because the King was worried about a new King being born, it was dangerous to stay in Bethlehem, and Gabriel told Joseph that he and his family should leave immediately. Where did they go?

Egypt