

Sunday Worship Services at 9am

In-Person in the Sanctuary, Live Online

(YouTube, Facebook, reedleymbc.org)

On Demand after 1pm on Monday

Children's Church

Ages 3 through 1st Grade

Fellowship on the Green at 10:20am

Adult and Children's Classes at 10:40am

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CONNECTION FORM
WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!



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REAL ID

*A Sermon Series
on the Image of God*



REEDLEY MENNONITE BROTHERS CHURCH



Sunday Morning @ 9 AM

Online live @ 9 AM | On Demand after 1 PM on Monday
 Sunday classes for all ages @ 10:40am

Facebook YouTube WWW


"...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."
 Luke 10:2

ROOTED

JHM WEDNESDAY NIGHTS | HSM SUNDAY NIGHTS

6:30-8:00 PM

in the rmbc student center



College & Young Adult

Sunday Nights at 6pm
 in the Student Center

JOIN US TODAY! FOR A

GOING AWAY PARTY FOR PASTOR JOEL



10:20AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Sunday Jan 30th

FINANCIAL PEACE

University

contact charlie@rmbc.org

Proverbs 27:17

FORGED

MEN'S GROUP

Tuesday Mornings
 6-7am in the Student Center

Fitness, Fellowship, & Fun
 pilates | cardio | weights | mobilization
 Student Center SC 100



FUELED FITNESS

Tuesday & Thursday
 5:30-6:30pm

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

@ RMBC

February 6th

Sign up online or call 638-8123

Wednesday Night Meals

JANUARY 26TH

5:30 to 6:10pm
 RESERVATIONS REQUIRED



WOW

Women of the Word
 2021-2022

TUESDAYS 9-11

Take Courage
 a study of Haggai
 by Jennifer Rothschild

M.O.M.S.

Bible Study
 Making Our Mothering Significant

9-11am
 Student Center Upstairs
 SC 200



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

signup on the app
 or website to serve

JAN 26 - MAR 30
 6:30 - 8PM



R Kids WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8PM



January 26 - March 30
 2022

for ages 3 (fully potty trained)-6th grade

WINTER CAMPS 2022

PRETEEN CAMP AT HARTLAND | FEBRUARY 4 - 6
 JUNIOR HIGH AT HARTLAND | FEBRUARY 11 - 13
 HIGH SCHOOL AT HUME | FEBRUARY 25 - 27

sign up on the app or website

Life is better together

LIFE Groups

coming soon!

For more details on these or additional RMBC Ministries: check the App, Website, or contact the church office at (559) 638-8123. Further details can also be found in today's Journal.





RMBC JOURNAL

REEDLEY MENNONITE BROTHERS CHURCH

WORSHIP TODAY

Sunday - January 23, 2022

Continuing our look at our Real ID, being created in the image of God, we turn to look at the most basic relationship God has created for human beings, the relationship between a man and a woman. Our text will be Genesis 2. We encourage you to bring a friend with you to worship or invite a friend to join you online for worship!

If you are visiting with us today we encourage you to download our app (search: reedleymbc), visit our website (reedleymbc.org), or visit our Welcome Center where you can get more information and a gift.

Join the 5 Day Bible Reading Challenge!

This week's passages:

Week 4

Day 1: Genesis 41-42; Mark 16

Day 2: Genesis 43-44; Psalm 24; Galatians 1

Day 3: Genesis 45-46; Psalm 108; Galatians 2

Day 4: Genesis 47-48; Psalm 25; Galatians 3

Day 5: Genesis 49-50; Galatians 5

OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Prayer Line - Would you like to receive our daily Prayer Line? You can via email, or through our App. Please contact the Church Office.

Sunday Morning Prayer - Meets in Pastor Malcolm's office at 8:15am.

Wednesday Morning Prayer - Meets at 6:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Come and join us as we seek the Lord for our church, our community, and our world.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Missionary of the Week: **John and Geri Warkentin** - serving with Multiply in Media Ministries. Pray for John as he finished up a project with new missionaries preparing to serve in Peru. Pray also as John is working with another to transition out of his role by the end of this year. Pray also for continued health and strength.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Farewell for Pastor Joel: We encourage everyone to join us in the Fellowship Hall to say farewell and thank you to Pastor Joel on Sunday, January 23rd. We will have light refreshments following our worship service. A basket will be available for you to put in notes and gifts for Pastor Joel, Amber, and Chloe. High School Sunday School classes are dismissed for that Sunday.

Our condolence to the family of **Bertha Pauls**. Bertha passed away January 19th. A private family service is being planned.

A donor has made available to the church a Medline MDR107003EL0 **Full-Electric Home Care Bed** with full length side rails. If you have a need for this bed, please contact Pastor Matt Harder.

STEWARDSHIP

Worship Service - Jan 9 416

YTD Goal \$729,961

YTD Surplus \$94,509

GIVING @ RMBC

- Text reedleymbc to 1-888-364-4483
- reedleymbc.org > Give
- U S Postal Service
- RMBC App > Giving
- Office, M-F, 8:30-5pm

Welcome

Welcome to Reedley MB. We're pleased to have you join us today for our worship service. It's our prayer that you will meet the living God in this place as we hear from the Word of God. We are here to **GLORIFY** God, **GROW** together as equipped disciples of Jesus Christ, and **GO** proclaiming His gospel to all. If you have questions, please ask, check our app, scan the digital QR code on the back of the Bulletin, or stop by The Welcome Center on our main lawn. Malcolm Light, Senior Pastor

Sermon Materials

Each week, Pastor Malcolm sends out sermon materials ahead of Sunday's sermon. You can find them on our App or if you'd like to receive these in your email, please contact the Church Office.

Upcoming Events

We have upcoming events! Don't miss out: check the RMBC Website, App, and online Bulletin.

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OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals Resume January 26th. Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30 to 6:10pm. *Advance reservation required.* Sign up online, see Sheila on Sunday mornings, or email sheila@reedleymbc.org. Pay by cash/check at the door. Cost is \$5 for featured meal, \$3 for Kid's Option, or \$20 per household. Sign up by noon January 24th for the 26th meal. Menu: Chili Verde, Rice, Ranchero Beans, Salad, and Churro. Kid's Option: Bean/Rice/Cheese Burrito, Orange Cutie, and Churro.

RKids Volunteers - RKids will be starting a 10 week session beginning January 26, 2022 and ending March 30, 2022. If you would like to volunteer to help out on Wednesday nights for this Spring's ten week session, please sign up on the app or website. If you have any questions, please see Tanya Jones or Jessica Davison.

RMBC COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday School: meet in room 202 in the Student Center.

Sunday Night: meet in room 200 in the Student Center.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Sunday School - Age 3 through 4th grade meet in the Children's Center; 5th & 6th grade are upstairs in the Student Center at 10:40am (please don't send them to Sunday School until 10:35am) Check in children prior to church service in the breezeway or after service in the lobby of the Children's Center. Children ages 3-4th grade will need to be picked up from their classrooms in the Children's Center instead of the playground. Please PROMPTLY pick up your children after Sunday School and have your parent check-in tag with you.

Nursery is available for children birth through Age 2 in the Children's Center.

Children's Church is available for kids 3 years old - 1st grade. Children meet in the breezeway when dismissed from the service. Children's Church is located in the Children's Center in the Seashore Room.

RKids will begin a Spring 10-week session on Wednesday January 26th, from 6:30-8pm, for ages 3 (fully potty trained) through 5th grade. Please register your child today on the app or website.

Girls God Squad & Molding Men of God (6th Grade girls & boys) will resume Wednesday January 26th from 6:30-8pm.

Pre-Teen Winter Camp at Hartland will be February 4-6th for 4th-6th graders. Space is limited. Sign up today!

Contact tanya@reedleymbc.org for more information on Children's Ministry.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MOMS 2022

January 27th - MOMS Fellowship, 9am in SC200. Craft Day! Breakfast and Childcare provided. Order your favorite drink at The PERK on the way in.

February 3rd - MOMS Bible Study, 9am in SC200, "ELIJAH-Faith and Fire" all are welcome! Nursery care is available.

February 10th - MOMS Fellowship, 9am in SC200, Valentine Fun." Enjoy the "revelations" of our three guest couples as they participate in a "Newly-wed" style game. Johnie and Jane Thomsen, Matt and Marie Harder, and Jacob and Sierra Balakian. Stop by The PERK as you enter. Enjoy Breakfast and Childcare.

WOW Community Bible Study 2022 - Tuesday mornings, 9-11am, in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us and bring a friend!

ROOTED STUDENT MINISTRIES

Sunday School - All 7-12th grade students resume Sunday School today from 10:40 - 11:40am. Junior high meets in the Student Center upstairs in SC200. Vince Balakian is teaching. High school meets downstairs in the Student Center in SC100.

JHM and HSM Rooted Large Group Meetings

All high school students meet for Rooted Sunday Nights in the Student Center from 6:30-8pm. Junior high students meet together for Rooted Wednesday nights from 6:30-8pm in the Student Center. Bring a friend and join us for fellowship, fun, and teaching from the Word of God.

Rooted Junior High Winter Camp at Hartland February 11-13th. Sign up on the App or webpage. A \$50 deposit is required for official registration. The cost for camp this year is \$207. Scholarships are available for those with financial need.

High School Winter Camp at Hume - Spots are almost full for winter camp at Hume Lake. Contact Pastor Joel right away if you wish to register for camp. We are attending during the February 25-27th weekend at Hume Lake. A \$50 deposit is required to secure registration. The total cost is \$224. Scholarships and service credit are available for all those with financial need.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Forged Bible Study: Tuesdays, 6am, Student Center.

Cross Trainers Basketball: Wed., 7pm, Immanuel

Men's Group: Thursdays at noon in the Student Center

Pickleball: Thursdays at 7pm, at the RMBC Court

Contact mike@reedleymbc.org for more information on Men's Ministry

Real ID – Be Fruitful and Multiply Genesis 1:28

One of the challenges of Christianity is that the challenges don't stay the same. What is a hot topic at one time is a settled issue in another. And the challenge that we face as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ is that every generation of Christians is called to understand the will of God and to bear witness to His truth in their day. Needing to understand the will of God and bear witness to His truth is the constant, the challenge will be the issues, thoughts, and ideas which will need to be addressed. This is again a primary reason I believe we need to regain, recover, and renew our understanding of our Real ID as human beings made in the image of God. In many ways, as we've seen the last few weeks, what we must become clear on again is what it means and what are the implications of having been made in the image of God.

Right now, in our time, nowhere is this challenge to know the will of God and bear witness to His truth more important than in what we believe and teach about marriage and the family. A biblical understanding of marriage and the family has been under assault for some time in our society. This is not necessarily a new issue. We could go back to the 1960's and see the foundations being laid during the so-called sexual revolution and sexual liberation movement. The sexual revolution included the promotion of an acceptance of sexual ethics and activities outside of traditional heterosexual, monogamous relationships. This revolution sought, and largely succeeded, at normalizing pornography, premarital sex, homosexuality, and gave birth, yes I mean this ironically, to abortion on-demand. More recently, we have seen this challenge crystalized and codified into law with the 2015 Obergefell Decision which redefined marriage generally and established homosexual marriage specifically as established law throughout the US. Personally, there are times when I wish government would get out of the marriage business. However, as someone who believes very strongly in limited government, I see the value that government being involved in civil marriage has for promoting limited government. When marriages are strong, families are stronger and more stable, and a society is positioned for thriving as a result.

In thinking about the financial impact on a society from a broken marriage culture, Ryan Anderson of the Heritage Foundation writes, *"A study by the Left-leaning Brookings Institution finds that \$229 billion in welfare spending between 1970 and 1996 can be attributed to the breakdown of the marriage culture and the resulting exacerbation of social ills: teen pregnancy, poverty, crime, drug abuse and health problems. A 2008 study found that divorce and unwed childbearing cost taxpayers \$112 billion each year. And Utah State University scholar David Schramm has estimated that divorce alone costs local, state and federal government \$33 billion each year. Civil marriage serves the ends of limited government more effectively, less intrusively, and at less cost than picking up the pieces from a shattered marriage culture."*

This is why we need to know the will of God and bear witness to His truth, and why being made in the image of God is important. **When the image of God is degraded, life is devalued, and destruction is the result.** This is what we see all around us in a variety of ways.

We've also been looking at the idea that being made in the image of God is important for us to regain, recover, and renew because **knowing whose we are defines how we understand who we are.** I think there are several issues with evolutionary theory as the origin of human beings. But one issue that I think is often overlooked or dismissed is evolutionary theories philosophical implications. If we are merely the result of cosmic chance and good fortune, why should I really care about another human being? What value do they have over the mosquito or sequoia? This is part of what we lose in degrading and devaluing human beings as being made in the image of God. But, when we regain, recover, and renew our understanding of being made in God's image what we gain is knowing whose we are, who we belong to, and why we belong and are a uniquely special and treasured part of this world, which then powerfully informs our understanding of who we are. Something we've tried to instill in our kids when they go out of our home is make good choices, and remember who you represent.

Another reason it's important that we know the will of God and bear witness to His truth in our day, is because **being image-bearers, we have specific assignments to carry out.** God has not merely made us in His image, made us male and female as image bearers, He has made us to bring Him glory and to fulfill His purposes for His world. All human beings, by God's design and decree, have assignments and purposes to fulfill being His image-bearers. And we find these in Genesis. Look with me at Genesis 1:26-28, "*Then God said, "Let us make man⁸ in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."* So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "*Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.*"

As we continue to regain, recover, and renew our Real ID as being made in God's image, I want to look today at the first and probably most important purpose God has given to mankind – be fruitful and multiply.

As God creates human beings, making them male and female, and gives them together the mandate to be fruitful and multiply, God immediately sets out one major way this is to happen – through marriage. Look at Genesis 2:21-24, "*So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."* Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." Notice a few things here. Like the father giving away the bride in our modern wedding ceremonies, God brings the newly created Eve bringing her to Adam; God presents Eve to Adam as a gift to be treasured, protected, and provided for. And Eve is given to Adam as his wife. This points us to a necessary truth we have forgotten and largely ignore today. **God defines marriage and the family. Why? because God created marriage and the family.** Again church, we have to stop making our appeal to biblical truths from what the world says. The Fresno County Recorder's Office does not define marriage. Nor does the California legislature, or the US Supreme Court. God defines it because He made it.

A second truth we need to see in this passage that helps us to understand what it means to fulfill God's command to be fruitful and multiply is that **biblical marriage is one man and one woman in a lifelong covenant.** Marriage is the divine ideal for carrying out God's mandate to be fruitful and multiply. When Jesus teaches on marriage in Matthew 19:4-6, He comes back to this moment, "*Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.*" We aren't going to look at this in depth, but notice there is a three-fold pattern that Jesus affirms from the Genesis account. We leave to be joined as husband and wife. This is covenant language speaking to the expectation of fidelity in the marriage relationship. As we leave families of origin a man and a woman unite to one another; they become one flesh. The two people, although freed from their parents, are not isolated or independent; they become dependent and responsible toward one another. "One flesh" echoes the language of v. 23, which speaks of the woman's source in the man; here it depicts the consequence of their bonding, which results in one new person. Now, our human sexuality expresses both our individuality as gender and our oneness with another person through physical union. The sexual act is only symbolic of the new kinship that the couple has entered. The sexual act by itself does not exhaust marriage; marriage entails far more. And also notice that marriage is not a private matter. It involves a public declaration in the sight of God. The public nature of marriage declares intent and a redefining of obligations and relationships in a familial setting.

Let's come back to Genesis 1:28. In the command to be fruitful and multiply God blesses the man and woman in this purpose. Marriage is a blessing, and we see some of the blessings of marriage through the mandate to be fruitful and multiply directly. Without question, one of the **great blessings of marriage is procreation.** Part of the purpose of marriage is to have children. But simply being able to procreate does not set human beings apart from any of the other things God has created on the earth. All animals procreate. But a distinction needs to be made that I think can be helpful for us to understand God's mandate. **Animals procreate instinctively.** There are no marriage ceremonies for animals. Monogamy, in the animal kingdom, is rare. I saw one report that said, of the 5000 species of mammals, roughly 3% are known to form lifelong bonds. Animals procreate instinctively, but **humans are to**

procreate purposefully. We'll look at more of this purposefulness in procreation in a moment, but one we cannot miss is that human procreation is a direct sharing and mirroring of God's creation of Adam and Eve, and a **fulfillment of sharing in God's world and sharing in God's fellowship.**

A second blessing of marriage is companionship. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 reminds us that, "*Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*" We are blessed to have another with us through thick and thin, another to share life with.

A third blessing of marriage is the opportunity to model. Marriage is a training ground for sanctification and growth as a follower of Jesus. Need to learn patience, marriage is there to help. Need to practice forgiving someone, marriage is a go to. Need to concrete clear pictures of grace, reconciliation, carrying another's burden – marriage has you covered. God has designed marriage to be a training ground for sanctification and growing in godliness. And marriage is really the only safe place to teach and practice this with your children. As a matter of fact, that is precisely what the Apostle Paul says marriage is. Ephesians 5:31-33, "*Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.*" *This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*" Your marriage is a living expression and picture of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

But being fruitful and multiplying isn't just about marriage. **Being fruitful and multiplying is for all human beings regardless of marital status.** Why, because being fruitful and multiplying is about marriage and mission. Jesus was not married. And He was the perfect God-man, the Son of God, who lived a perfect life fulfilling all the Law of God. So He fulfilled the mandate to be fruitful and multiply perfectly in His life and ministry. And if you are single you have a role to play in fulfilling the mandate to be fruitful and multiply as well. Be fruitful in the mission of God, multiply the mission of God in and through your life. As a human being made in the image of God, marriage does not complete you, marriage doesn't complete anyone. You do not need to be married to please, honor, or glorify God. And God can and will bless you, as you use all that God created you to be for His mission and purpose.

So how do we apply this to our lives?

To the married, **seek faithfulness in your marriage.** Your marriage is a gift, a gift from God, and a gift to be used by God. Honestly, I think if more of us viewed our spouses as a gift, a lot of our conflict in a marriage would subside. Seek to be faithful in treating your spouse with dignity and respect befitting an image-bearer of God. Seek to be faithful in sexual purity before your spouse. Be faithful in your devotion to your spouse.

To all of us, married and single, **seek fruitfulness as your mission.** How can you produce fruit where you are in your life, be it in a particular circumstance and in this particular moment. There is fruit to be had, but we have to look for how to cultivate it. We're 23 days into January, it's not too late to start reading the Bible regularly, or committing to pray for 5 minutes a day. There are avenues for spiritual growth here at RMBC, Adult Sunday School, or a Growth Group, or Bible Studies throughout the week. Make producing fruit in yourself for God's kingdom a part of your mission.

And as you do so, **make an impact through multiplication.** Use your gifts for service in God's kingdom and for God's purposes. Be a mentor to someone, pour your life into theirs. We are given a mandate from God to be more than fruitful, we are called to multiply. Jesus is a multiplier. He takes 5 loaves of bread and two fish and feeds 5000. Jesus has called you, Christian, to go and make disciples. He hasn't called the church to do that, but each of us as individual Christians, to share the great good news of Jesus with others.

Real ID: Be Fruitful and Multiply

Pastor Malcolm

Genesis 1:28

January 23, 2022

Why Being Made in the Image of God is Important

When the image of God is _____, life is _____, and _____ is the result

Knowing _____ we are defines how we understand _____ we are

Being image-bearers, we have specific _____ to carry out

The Blessing of a Fruitfully Multiplying in Marriage and Mission

God _____ marriage and the family, He _____ it

Biblical marriage is one man and one woman in _____

Three Blessings of Marriage:

1. P _____

Animals procreate _____, humans are to procreate _____

A fulfillment of sharing God's _____ and sharing God's _____

2. C _____

3. M _____

Being fruitful and multiplying is for all human beings _____ of marital status

Application:

Be _____ in your marriage

Seek _____ as your mission

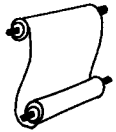
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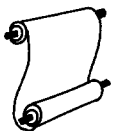


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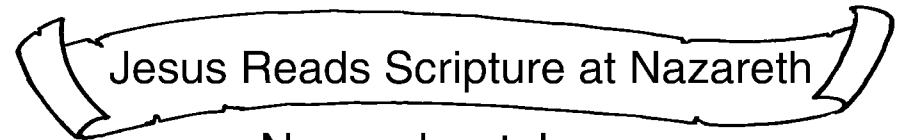
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Ages 3+

January 23, 2022 • Luke 4:14-21



Jesus Reads Scripture at Nazareth

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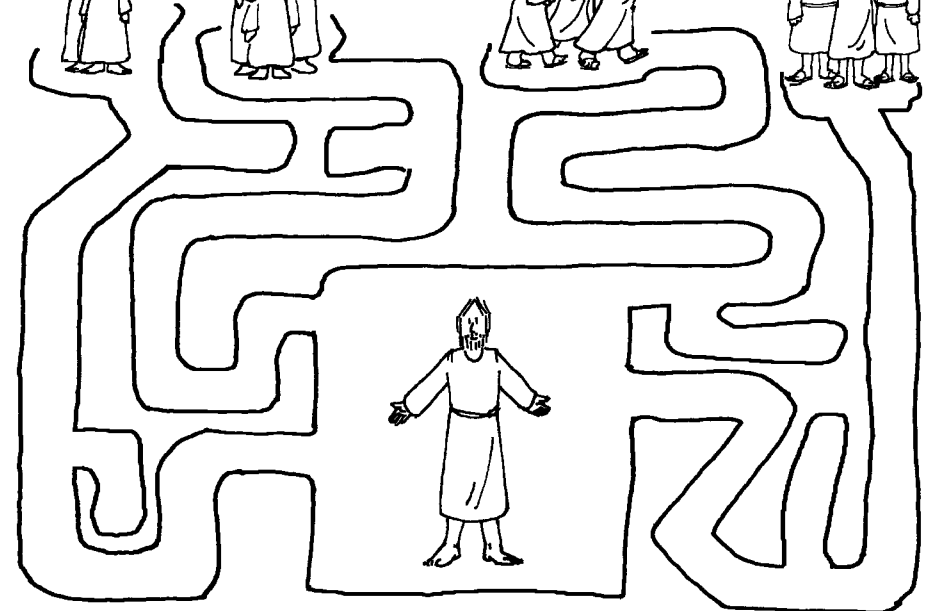
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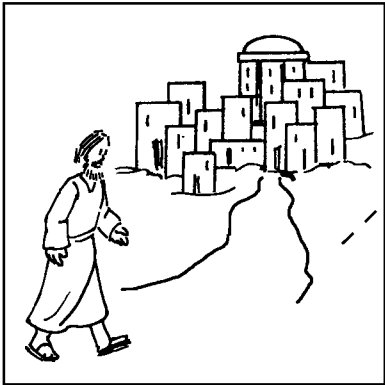
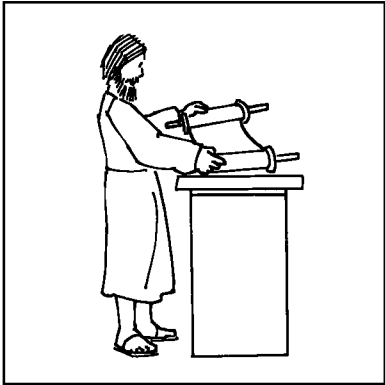
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