

1. Dereva

Dereva mmoja alisimamishwa na afisa wa polisi. Alikuwa dereva stadi na kwa mujibu wa ufahamu wake hakuwa amekiuka sheria za trafiki.

Afisa wa polisi akasema, “nilikuweka kando kwa sababu ulikuwa ukiendesha gari kwa kiasi ya kilomita 55 kwa saa katika eneo la shule. Palikuwa na tangazo ya sheria kumi za kutahadharisha kuwa kiasi ya juu inayokubaliwa ni kilomita 15 kwa saa lakini ulizipuuza zote.”

Kwa vile dereva huyo alivyokuwa na ishara kumi za kumuonya, Mungu ametupa ishara kumi zilizo wazi za tahathari katika Bibilia. Zinajulikana kama Amri Kumi.

Je, umewahi kusema uongo, kuiba kitu au kutumia jina la Mungu kwa mzaha? Ikiwa u kama mimi, jawabu ni ndio.

Sikiliza Bibilia inavyosema:

- *Yeyote awekaye sheria yote lakini anajikwa kwa moja amevunja yote.* Jakobo 2:10

Mungu anasema kuwa kuivunja amri moja tumefanya dhambi na tutatakiwa kutoa hesabu kwa kuvunja amri zote, hata ile ya usinzi na uwaji.

- *Hukumu ya Mungu kwa dhambi zetu ni kifo. (kutupwa jehanamu kwa sababu hatakubalia dhambi mbele ya uwepo wake).* Warumi 6:23a

Kama hadithi hii ikiishia hapa, hakuna tumaini kwetu...

2. Mhukumiwa

Mtu aliyekuwa na hatia alimuendea hakimu na kujitolea kuuawa kwa niaba ya muuaji aliyapatikana na hatia. Hakimu alikubali.

Siku iliyofuata hakimu alimuambia mhukumiwa kuwa alikuwa na uamuzi wa kufanya.

“Mtu asiye na hatia ameuawa badala yako. Ikiwa utakubali fidia yake kwa kosa lako, una uhuru wa kuenda.

Ikiwa hutakubali fidia yake, utauawa kwa kosa lako. Umechagua lipi?”

Yesu Kristo, Mwana wa Mungu ingawa hakuwa na dhambi, aliutoa uhai wake kwa hiari ili kulipia adhabu zako na zangu. (Hukumu ya Mungu kwa dhambi zetu ni mauti). Siku tatu baadaye alifufuka kutoka kwa wafu.

- *Mungu alidhihirisha upendo wake mkuu kwetu kwa kumtuma Yesu ili afe kwa ajili yetu tulipokuwa tungali wenye dhambi.* Warumi 5:8
- *Kipawa cha Mungu ni uzima wa milele katika Kristo Yesu Bwana wetu.* Warumi 6:23b

Kutokana na kifo cha Yesu kwa niaba yako, una maamuzi mawili:

Pokea msamaha wa Mungu kwa dhambi zako pamoja na uzima wa milele kwa kutubu (kutambua hali yako ya dhambi na kutamani kutoka katika hali hiyo) na kuweka tumaini lako katika Bwana Yesu. (Matendo ya Mitume 20:21)

Au

Kukataa msamaha wa Mungu kwa dhambi zako pamoja na uzima wa milele kwa kumtumaini yeyote au chochote ila Yesu ili akufanye au kikufanye ukubalike kwa Mungu. Hivyo basi wewe mwenyewe ubebe adhabu kwa kuvunja sheria.

- *Kwa vyovyote vile wanaoamini katika mwana wana uzima wa milele, lakini yeyote anayemkataa Mwana wa Mungu hatauona uzima, kwa kuwa ghadhabu ya Mungu imekaa juu yake.* Yohana 3:36

Kujua kuhusu Yesu hakumaanishi unamuamini...

3. Mruka Angani

Waruka angani hudhihirisha imani yao katika miamvuuli wanapovuka kutoka kwa ndege.

Wafuasi wa Yesu hudhihirisha imani yao kwake Roho wa Mungu anapowabadilisha katika mawazo na shauku zao.

- *Yeyote aliye katika Kristo, amekuwa kiumbe kipya; ya kale yameisha, na yamekuwa mapya!* 2 Wakorintho 5:7
- *Mungu asema, “Nitawapa moyo mpya na kuweka roho mpya ndani yenu.”* Ezekieli 36:26

Kama vile kuingia katika kiwanda hakuwezi kukufanya kuwa fundi wa magari, kuhudhuria kanisani hakutakufanya Mkristo.

Ikiwa ungependa kuupokea msamaha wa Mungu kwa dhambi zako na kipawa cha uzima wa milele, tafakari kuhusu kufanya ombi lifuatalo:

“Yesu, naamini ulilipa adhabu ya dhambi zangu ulipokufa msalabani na kufufuka kutoka kwa wafu. Nataka kugeuka kutoka kwa dhambi zangu na kuweka tumaini langu kwa Bwana wangu. Nataka kukufuata katika maisha yangu yaliyobaki. Amina.”

- *Yeyote anayeliitia jina la Bwana ataokoka.* Warumi 10:13

Wafuasi halisi wa Yesu huwa na shauku ya:

- *Kuishi maisha yanayolingana na uungu, kupendeza Mungu kwa njia zote, kuzaa matunda katika kazi zote vyema na kukua katika kumjua Mungu.* Wakolosai 1:10

Soma Bibilia kila siku. Anza na injili ya Yohana. Hudhuria kanisa linaloamini Bibilia. Jipatie nakala za ujumbe huu katika lugha nyingi tofauti bila malipo kutoka kwa:

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Yesu ni nani?



Watume wa Agano La kale wanatueleza kuhusu kuja kwa Massia

Isaya

Maana kwa ajili yetu motto amezaliwa, Tumepeva motto mwanamume; Na uweza wa kifalme utakuwa begani mwake; Naye ataitwa jina lake, Mshauri wa ajabu, Mungu mwenye nguvu, baba wa milele, Mfalme wa amani. Isaya 9:6

Kwa hiyo Bwana mwenyewe atawapa ishara. Tazama, bikira atachukua mimba, atazaa mtoto mwanamume, naye atamwita jina lake Imanueli- maana yake Mungu pamoja nasi. Isaya 7:14 na Mathayo 1:22-23

Danieli

Nikaona katika njozi za usiku na tazama, mmoja aliye mfano wa mwanadamu akaja pamoja na mawingu ya mbingu akamkaribia huyo mzee wa siku, wakamleta karibu naye. Naye akapewa mamlaka, na utukufu na ufalme, ili watu wa kabila zote na taifa zote na lugha zote wamtumikie; mamlaka yake ni mamlaka ya milele, amabayo hayatapita kamwe na ufalme wake ni ufalme usioweza kuangamizwa. Danieli 7:13-14.

Katika Agano Jipya

Mwana wa Mungu

Akawaambia, “Nanyi mwaninena mimi kuwa ni nani?” Simoni Petro akajibu akasema, “Wewe ndiwe Kristo, Mwana wa Mungu aliye hai.” Yesu akajibu, “akamwambia, Heri wewe Simoni Baryona; kwa kuwa mwili na damu havikukufunulia hiliu, bali Baba yangu aliye mbinguni.” Mathayo 16:15-17.

Akawajibu, Baba yangu anatenda kazi hata sasa, nami ninatenda kazi. Basi kwa sababu hiyo Wayahudi walizidi kutaka kumwua, kwa kuwa hakuivunja sabato tu, bali pamoja na hayo alimwita Mungu Baba yake, akijifanya sawa na Mungu. Yohana 5:17-18

Yesu akajibu; “Mimi na Baba tu umoja.” Basi Wayahudi wakaokota mawe tena ili wampige, lakini Yesu akawajibu, Kazi njema nyingi nimewaonyesha, zitokazo kwa Baba; kwa ajili ya kazi ipi katika hizo mnanipiga kwa mawe? Wayahudi wakamjibu, “Hatukupigi mawe kwa sababu ya mambo mema uliyotenda,” bali ni kuwa umekufuru. “Wewe ingawa ni mwanadamu unajufanya kuwa Mungu.” Yohana 10:30-33

Baada ya kukamatwa na kutiwa nguvuni, viongozi wa Wayahudi wakauliza; “Wewe basi ndiye Mwana wa Mungu?” Yeye akawajibu, “Ninyi mmesema kwamba Mimi ndiye.” Luka 22:70

Aliyefufuka

Ingawa milango zilikuwa zimefunguwa, Yesu alikuja na kusimama katikati yao na kusema, “Amani iwe nanyi”. Kisha akamwambia Thomasi “Weka kidole chako hapa na uone mikonono yangu, nyosha mkono wako uguse ubavuni Mwangu. Usiwe na shaka bali uamini tu.” Thomasi akamwambia, “Bwana wangu na Mungu Wangu!” Yesu akamwambia, “Umeamini kwa kuwa umeniona? Wamebarikiwa wale ambao hawajaona lakini wameamini.” Yohana 20:26-29

Nikamwona mtu kama, “Mwana wa Adamu” amevaa joho refu na mkanda wa dhahabu umefungwa kifuni mwake. Kichwa chake na nywele zake zilikuwa nyeupe kama sufu, nyeupe kama theluji, nayo macho yake yalikuwa kama mwali wa moto. Nyayo zake zilikuwa kama shaba iliyosuguliwa sana, kama vile imesafishwa katika tanuru ya moto, nayo sauti yake ilikuwa kama sauti ya amji mengi. Katika mkono wake wa kuume alishikilia nyota saba na kinywani mwake ulitoka upanga wenye makali kuwili. Uso wake kama jua kali linalong’aa kwa nguvu zake zote.

Nilipomwona, nilianguka miguuni pake kama aliyekufa. Ndipo akaweka mkono wake wa kuume juu yangu na kusema, “Usiogope, Mimi ni wa Kwanza na wa Mwisho. Mimi ni yeye aliye hai, niliyekufa mimekufa na tazama ni hai milele na milele! Nami ninazo funguo za mauti na za kuzimu.” Ufunuo wa Yohana 1:13-18

Unaweza pata uhai kwa Jina lake.

Yesu alifanya miujiza mingine mingi mbele ya wanafunzi wengi Wake, ambayo haikuandikwa katika kitabu hiki. Lakini haya yameandikwa ili mweze kuamini ya kuwa Yesu ndiye Kristo Mwana wa Mungu na kwa kumwamini mpate uzima katika Jina Lake. Yohana 20:30-31

1. The Driver

A driver was once stopped by a police officer. He was a good driver and as far as he knew he had done nothing wrong.

The police officer said, "I pulled you over because you were going 60 through a school zone. There were ten warning signs that the speed limit was 15 and you ignored them all."

Just like the driver had ten warning signs, God has given us ten clear warning signs in the Bible. They are called the Ten Commandments.

Have you ever told a lie, stolen something or used God's name as a curse word? If you're like me the answer is 'yes'.

Listen to what the Bible says:

- *Whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.* James 2:10

God is saying that by breaking one Commandment we have sinned and will be held accountable for breaking all of them, including adultery and murder.

- *God's judgment for our sin is death.* (Banishment to hell because He will not allow sin in His presence). Romans 6:23a

If the story ends here, there is no hope for us...

2. The Convict

An innocent man approached a judge and volunteered to be executed in the place of a convicted murderer. The judge consented. The next day the judge told the convict he had a decision to make.

"An innocent man has been put to death in your place. If you will accept his payment for your crime, you are free to go. If you will not accept his payment, you will be executed for your crime. Which do you choose?"

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was sinless but voluntarily gave his life to pay the penalty for your sins and mine. (God's judgment for our sin is death). Three days later he rose from the dead.

- *God showed his great love for us by sending Jesus to die for us while we were still sinners.* Romans 5:8
- *The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Romans 6:23b

As a result of Jesus' death in your place, you have two choices:

Receive both God's pardon for your sins and eternal life by repenting (sensing your sinfulness and desiring to turn from it) and placing your trust in the Lord Jesus.

OR

Reject both God's pardon for your sins and eternal life by trusting in anyone or anything other than Jesus to make you acceptable to God, thus bearing the penalty for breaking God's law yourself.

- *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son of God will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.* John 3:36

Knowing about Jesus doesn't mean you believe in Jesus...

3. The Skydiver

Skydivers demonstrate their belief in their parachutes when they jump from the plane.

Followers of Jesus demonstrate their belief in Him when God's Spirit changes their thoughts and desires.

- *If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!* 2 Corinthians 5:17
- *God says, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you."* Ezekiel 36:26

Just as entering a garage won't make you a mechanic, attending a church won't make you a Christian.

If you would like to receive God's pardon for your sins and the gift of eternal life, consider a prayer like this:

"Jesus, I believe you paid the penalty for my sins when you died on the cross and rose from the dead. I want to turn from my sins and place my trust in you as my Lord. I am willing to follow you the rest of my life. Thank you for the gift of eternal life. Amen."

- *Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.* Romans 10:13

The desire of real followers of Jesus is to:

- *Live a life worthy of the Lord, pleasing Him in every way, bearing fruit in every good work, and growing in the knowledge of God.* Colossians 1:10

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Isaiah

To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" - which means, "God with us." Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:22-23

Daniel

In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away. Daniel 7:13-14

In the New Testament

The Son of God

Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven." Matthew 16:15-17

Jesus said to the Jewish religious leaders, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working." For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God. John 5:17-18

Jesus answered, "I and the Father are one." Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?" "We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God." John 10:30-33

After his arrest, the Jewish religious leaders all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied, "You are right in saying I am." Luke 22:70

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Who rose from the dead

Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:26-29

I [John] saw someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. Revelation 1:13-18

You may have life in His name

Jesus did many miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:30-31