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(CNS photo/Paul Haring)

Young people in traditional dress cheer as Pope Francis arrives for a meeting with representatives of religious communities working in South Korea during an encounter in Kkottongnae, South Korea, Aug. 16. The pope left Rome for his South Korean Trip on Aug. 13 and returned on Aug. 18.

Bible Trivia

What are the only two books of the New Testament not named after a person or place?

Puzzle

Using the New Testament as a guide, answer the following questions about Paul. Some hints have been provided:

1. What was Paul's name before he changed it? Acts 9

2. Paul stood by as which saint was stoned to death? Acts 7

3. Who traveled with Paul on his first missionary journey? Acts 15

4. Which letter written by Paul immediately follows the Book of Acts?

5. How many letters to the Corinthians are in the New Testament?

6. What did Paul say was the "body of Christ"? Ephesians 1

7. What Christian did Paul mention in his greeting to the Philippians?

See answers on page 15

A Good News Story

Jesus Teaches The Apostles Who He Is

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Looking for a way to test Jesus, the Sadducees and Pharisees asked Him to show them a sign from heaven.

Jesus answered them, "You know how to judge the appearance of the sky, but you cannot judge the signs of the times. An evil and unfaithful generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah." Then Jesus left His questioners to ponder His words.

After crossing the sea, Jesus was alone with His Apostles, but they had forgotten to bring any bread.

Jesus used this opportunity for a lesson. "Look out," He said, "and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

The Apostles said to each other, "It is because we have brought no bread."

"You of little faith," Jesus said to them, "why do you conclude among yourselves that it is because you have no bread?"

... How do you not comprehend that I was not speaking to you about bread?"

Then the Apostles realized Jesus was referring to the teaching of the Pharisees.

Jesus and His friends traveled to Caesarea Philippi. "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Jesus asked.

They answered, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But who do you say that I am?" Jesus asked.

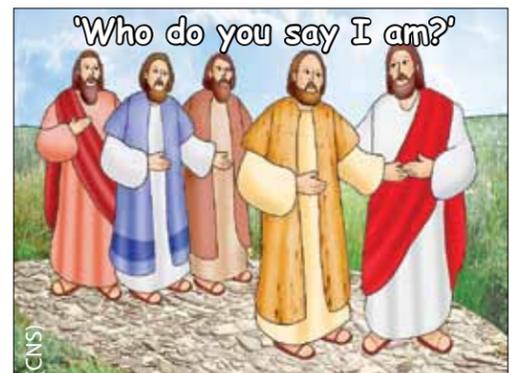
Simon Peter replied, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus smiled at him and said, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

After Jesus had said this, He told His Apostles not to tell anyone else He was the Messiah.

Then Jesus started talking to His Apostles about some of the things that would happen to Him in the days ahead. He said He would go to Jerusalem, where He would be abused by the chief priests and scribes and killed, but on the third day He would rise again.



Q&A

What did Jesus say about the leaven of the Pharisees?

Who did Peter say Jesus was?

Read more in Matthew 16.