



The Queen's Visit

I remember one day when I was a little girl and Queen Elizabeth visited Canada. All of the school children in our city trooped to the football stadium to greet her. There were thousands of us sitting in the grandstand, practicing our songs and watching our leader for the signal to cheer.

The queen arrived almost on time. She was not dressed in her royal robe and royal crown, but

in beautiful but rather normal clothes. Sitting on a decorated platform, she smiled at us as we sang our song of welcome. When she thanked us, we got the signal from our leader and we really let go and cheered ourselves hoarse. **She was our queen and our hearts were loyal!**

It made me think of another royal visit. The King of kings once stood before a great crowd, and the governor announced, "Behold your King!" They saw Him standing there wearing a royal purple robe, but on His head, instead of wearing a crown of jewels, He wore a crown of

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thorns! He had fed thousands when they were hungry, and He had healed many sick ones by His loving hands. And yet they didn't love and cheer for Him as we did for our queen. They cried out, "Away with Him, crucify Him!" It was a mighty roar as they shouted for His death!

What had He done to make them so angry?

Nothing. The leaders were jealous of Him and afraid of losing their own power. Crowds are easily influenced by their leaders, so they persuaded the people that He was a deceiver. They were tools in Satan's hand to try to destroy the Son of God, whom the Father had sent to be the Savior of the world. The voices of that shouting crowd won out, and the Lord Jesus was crucified.

I thought of this that day as I heard the shouting crowd of school children. When our leader ordered a pause in our cheering, the queen told us how she enjoyed our beautiful country, and she praised our city and added some good advice. She also brought us greetings from her children who were still in school.

Then she made a final statement which lifted us right out of our seats. "And now," she added, "I declare that you may have the rest of the day as a HOLIDAY!"

How we roared, stamped, clapped and cheered! A holiday! It was hard for our leader to quiet us so that we could be dismissed in an orderly manner.

What happened next?

Our teachers and some of our parents were very upset. There had been no preparation for this day off. It interrupted many plans, and there was no one to take care of some of us children. Who could handle such a jumble? Some of us got into trouble, while others just had a boring afternoon because they were locked out at home and had no place to go. Even when given a happy surprise, nothing in this world works out perfectly!

But what happened after Jesus was crucified?

He rose from the dead! His precious blood, shed on the cross for sinners, is still worth more than anything in the world, and it is the only thing that can cleanse us from our sins. Because He died for our sins, God offers you everlasting life. And He has everything for this life and the life that will go on forever planned according to His perfect wisdom. Satan is defeated. There is no disappointment in the hearts of those who accept His gift of everlasting life. No wonder we can say, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

Which crowd do you join? With those who do not want Him, or with those who receive Him? If you receive Him, you may not find yourself one of a large and happy crowd right now. But wait until the day when Jesus is crowned as Lord of all, and

then you'll sing His praise with more than 10,000 times 10,000 people who will all love Him, and not one voice will be against Him. God's most costly gift—eternal life through the Lord Jesus—is the only one that is perfect and gives no disappointment, right now and forever.

“The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

“Oh, think of the King of glory—
From heaven to earth come down;

His life so pure and holy;
His death, His cross, His crown;

Of His divine compassion;
His sacrifice for you:

Then what will you do with Jesus?

Oh, what will your answer be?”

SCRIPTURE VERSE WORD SEARCH

Can you find the words of this Scripture verse in this word search? Look up, down, diagonally, backwards, across—every direction. Use a ruler if necessary.

Circle each word in the diagram as we did with “the” and then circle the same word in the verse once you have found it.

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“In this was manifested (the) love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him” (1 John 4:9).

FOR LITTLE FOLKS

If you are between the ages of five and nine years old, there is a hidden message for you in this diagram. Starting at the top row, work from left to right and then go on to the

next row. Find all the times that your age is shown, writing down each letter that is shown under your age. This will be *your* message from the Bible.

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Sand Dunes of the World

Part 2

“The earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.” Psalm 24:1

Sand dunes are popular places, not only for their distinct beauty, but because they are fun to climb, slide down or take close-up pictures of their interesting shapes, contrasted in shadow and sunlight.

In the previous issue, some North American dunes were mentioned. The Great Sand Dunes in southern Colorado is another extremely attractive area with some of its dunes over 700 feet high. The Hawaiian Islands also have several. The big Mo’omome dune on the island of Molokai is an outstanding example with unusual vegetation and wildlife.

A person would be foolish to go out on the brilliant White Sand dunes of New Mexico without sunglasses and plenty of sunscreen on exposed skin. Eyes can be seriously damaged and skin badly burned by reflected sunlight from the pure-white surface, which actually is not sand, but gypsum, a common mineral.

In fact, extreme caution should be taken when exploring any dunes. In addition to the hazards of exposure to the sun, you can be easily lost. It is wise to keep a landmark



Did You Know?
The White Sand dunes of New Mexico are made of gypsum, a common mineral.



visible at all times so you can find your way back safely.

There are many more dunes in the western states, including some on the Washington, Oregon and California seacoasts, as well as a massive group in Nevada and other inland places. In some of these, the dunes make a zooming, airplane-like noise when people scuff their feet through the sand or slide down the steep banks.

Where does all the sand come from? In deserts it is usually particles from rocks and shale broken down by storms and winds. Those along the ocean are partly the result of rocks and shells being ground by pounding waves. But rivers and streams also deposit great quantities of sand into the ocean. This sand was formed by their waterfalls, swift rapids and strong currents. Ocean waves sweep most of this onto shore, and wind carries it to the dunes from there.

The Creator has placed sand dunes throughout the world as part of His wonderful creation, and they often add special beauty. In the last issue we talked of how sand moves and is not a good foundation to build on. This was an illustration of how we need a good foundation as we go through life, which can only be found when we know the Lord Jesus as our Savior.

A Bible verse says, “Lead me to the rock that is higher than I” (Psalm 61:2). Another one explains who that rock is: “Who is God save the Lord? or who is a rock save our God?” (Psalm 18:31). In these verses the psalmist points us to a firm foundation which is safe for all time and eternity. Make sure God is your Rock!

