

# St. Francis of Assisi Faith News



## June 2017

### A Summer Blessing

May our Loving God watch over you  
And keep alive in your heart  
The faith you have learned this year.

Keep your mind on God  
Remember to pray often  
And to celebrate your faith,  
At home with your family,  
And at Mass with your faith family.

Keep your faith in God  
Let all the joys of summer  
Remind you of God's goodness.  
Never forget that God  
Is always with you, no matter what.

May the God, of all creation,  
Who comes to us in Jesus,  
And lives among us in the Holy Spirit,  
Keep you safe, happy, and holy this summer and  
always.  
~Amen

# SAINTS FUN FACTS

Saint Joseph was the step father of Jesus and husband of Mary. By all accounts he was a good and loyal man, dedicated to protecting his family and keeping them safe. He provided for them by working as a carpenter.



ZZZZZZZZZZ ....

"Psst ... hey Joseph.

Wake up ... come on ... you are about to become a father."



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10 Interesting Bible Facts About Jesus

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## **The Name Jesus**

Jesus is the English transliteration of the Greek name Iesus. Joshua is the English transliteration of the Hebrew name Yeshuah. Both Jesus and Joshua mean Yahweh saves or Jehovah is salvation. The name Jesus appears in the Bible more than 900 times. [Transliteration means that the word is not translated from one language to another, but tries to represent the same letters/characters from one language to another. Pronunciation may or may not be preserved.]

## **The Word Christ**

Christ is not actually a name, but a title. When the Bible talks about the Messiah in the [Old Testament](#), it is referring to the same title as the New Testament calls Christ. Both Messiah and Christ mean anointed one. Jesus was anointed with the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:38) and was the promised redeemer. The first promise of a redeemer in the Bible was in Genesis 3:15. The word Christ appears in the Bible more than 500 times.

## **Jesus' Titles For Himself**

Jesus said He was the bread of life and the living bread (6:35, 48, 51). He was the light of the world (John 8:12). Jesus was the good shepherd (John 10:11, 14). Jesus outright claimed to be the Son of God (John 10:36). He also liked to call himself the Son of man (Matthew 20:28). He said He was the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6).

## **Foods Jesus Ate**

Jesus ate bread (Matthew 26:26), which has been a common food throughout history. He ate clean meats such as lamb (Luke 22:15) and fish (Matthew 14:19). He may have eaten eggs because of His statement that eggs is a good gift (Luke 11:12, 13). The Old Testament says that Jesus would eat butter and honey (Isaiah 7:15). Luke 24:42 and 43 says that Jesus ate broiled fish and honeycomb after His resurrection.

## **Jesus Was a Carpenter**

Jesus was known to be a carpenter (Mark 6:3). This indicates that He not only grew up in the house of a carpenter (Matthew 13:55), but He worked in the trade at least long enough that people knew Him to be a carpenter too. There is a question of exactly what the word translated as carpenter really means. The Greek word is tekton, which is a generic word for anyone who makes things. This was applied to craftsmen of various objects. Early writings, tradition and culture indicate that Jesus probably worked with wood in some form. Therefore carpenter is a fine translation of this word.

## **Jesus' Birthday**

Jesus' birthday is generally celebrated on December 25 each year. However, the Bible does not tell us exactly when His birthday was. Various scholars have put the Birth of Christ sometime in winter or early spring. We celebrate His birth at Christmas, but there is no record in the Bible of the early Christians celebrating the birth of Jesus.

## **Jesus and John the Baptist**

John the Baptist was Jesus' second cousin. Mary (the mother of Jesus) and Elisabeth (the mother of John) were cousins (Luke 1:36). John was about 6 months older than Jesus (Luke 1:36). In John chapter 1 when John the Baptist declares Jesus as the Lamb of God (v. 36) this is probably not the first time they met. They were likely together often as [children](#) and young men growing up.

## **Jesus' Family**

Jesus had several half-brothers and sisters ( Matthew 12:46-47; 13:55-56). At least some of his brothers were named James, Joses, Simon and Judas. His sisters are not named in the Bible. History says that James became the head of the [church](#) in Jerusalem.

## **Jesus Was Passionate**

Some portrayals of Jesus in films and popular culture have Him walking around like a disconnected being who is hanging around to solve problems. However, the Bible shows some very passionate scenes from the life of Christ. He overthrew the tables of the money changers in the temple (Matthew 21:12, 13). He was moved to tears at the news of Lazarus' death (John 11:35). The Bible says many times that Jesus was moved with compassion (Matthew 9:36-38; 21:12, Mark 1:41 and others).

## **Jesus and Simon**

There was a man conscripted to help Jesus carry the cross up to Golgotha. This man's name was Simon (Matthew 27:32). This man was from Cyrene which was also called Niger in Acts 13:1. This is not in the country known as Niger today. Rather he was from the country of

Libya. Simon had two sons who were apparently known to the early church. Mark 15:21 says that Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus as if the readers of the Gospel would know those two men.

Read more: <http://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com/10-interesting-bible-facts-about-jesus/#ixzz4iOHdLqc1>

## May The Road Rise Up To Meet You

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields

and until we meet again,

may God hold you in the palm of His hand.



*Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.*

**Philippians 4:6**