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What two letters replace the question marks?

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TE times T equals MESSAGE
TO times IN equals POISON
E times ?? equals LEAVE

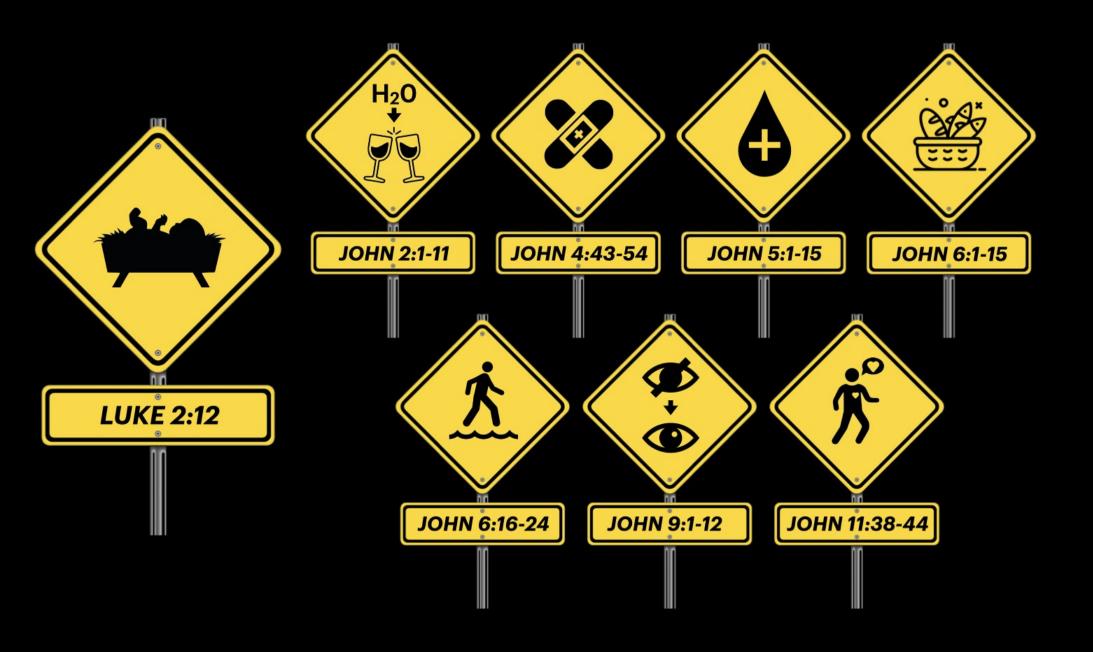
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## Luke 2:12

12 This will be a **sign** to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.



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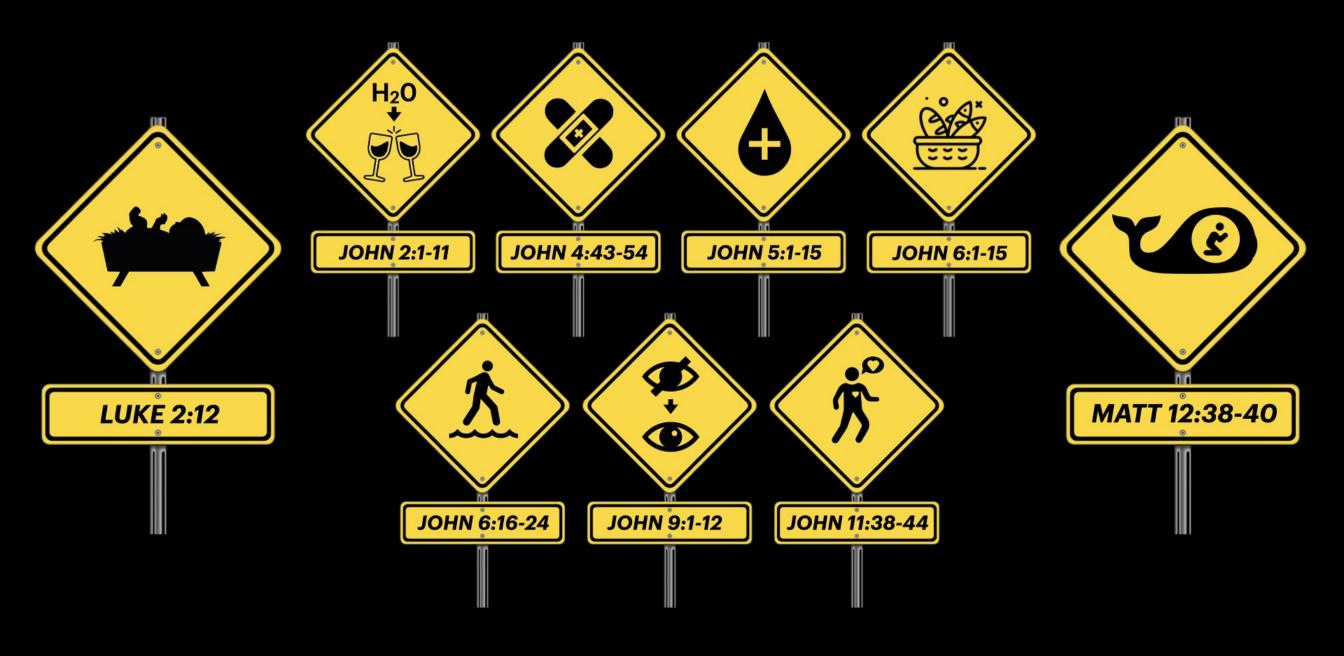
#### BIRTH — MINISTRY

## John 20:30-31

Jesus performed many other <u>signs</u> 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 Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

#### Matthew 12:38-40

38 Jesus Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from you." 39 He answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."



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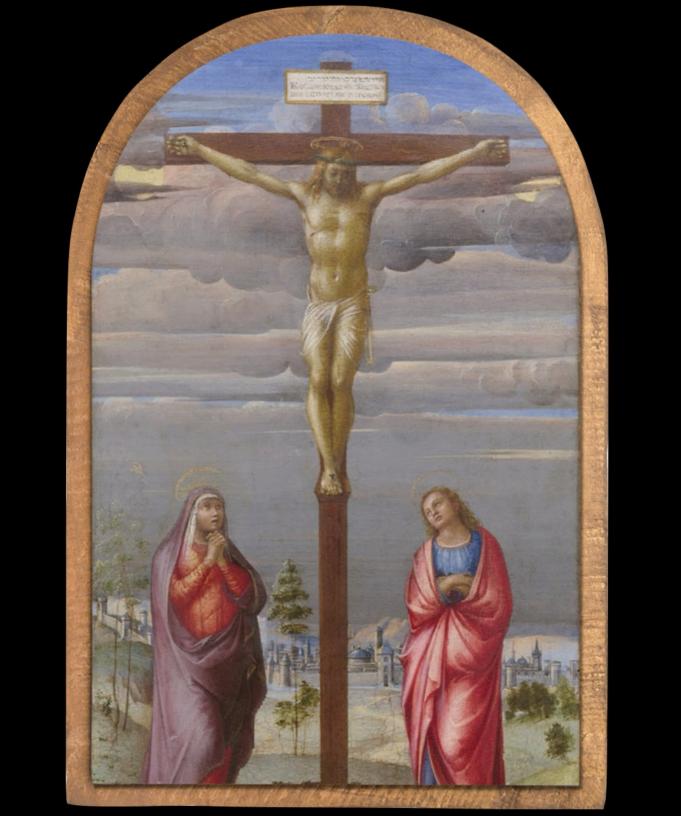
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#### Matthew 27:32-37

32 Along the way, they came across a man named Simon, who was from Cyrene, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross. 33 And they went out to a place called Golgotha (which means "Place of the Skull"). 34 The soldiers gave Jesus wine mixed with bitter gall, but when he had tasted it, he refused to drink it.

#### Matthew 27:32-37

35 After they had nailed him to the cross, the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. 36 Then they sat around and kept guard as he hung there. 37 A *sign* was fastened above Jesus' head, announcing the charge against him. It read: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."





#### **MATTHEW 27:37**

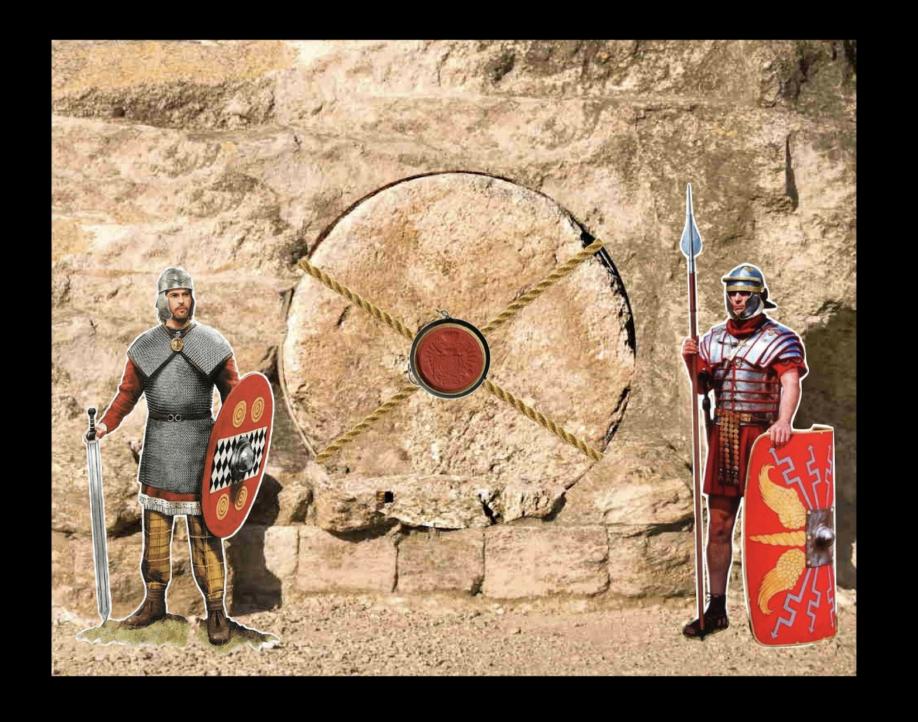
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Arimathea who had become a follower of Jesus, <sup>58</sup> went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. And Pilate issued an order to release it to him. <sup>59</sup> Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a long sheet of clean linen cloth.

been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a great stone across the entrance and left. <sup>61</sup> Both Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting across from the tomb and watching.

62 The next day, on the Sabbath, the leading priests and Pharisees went to see Pilate. 63 They told him, "Sir, we remember what that deceiver once said while he was still alive: 'After three days I will rise from the dead.' 64 So we request that you seal the tomb until the third day.

This will prevent his disciples from coming and stealing his body and then telling everyone he was raised from the dead! If that happens, we'll be worse off than we were at first." 65 Pilate replied, "Take guards and secure it the best you can." 66 So they sealed the tomb and posted guards to protect it.







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#### **MATTHEW 27:66**

So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

<sup>1</sup> Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it.

<sup>3</sup> His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. <sup>5</sup> Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.

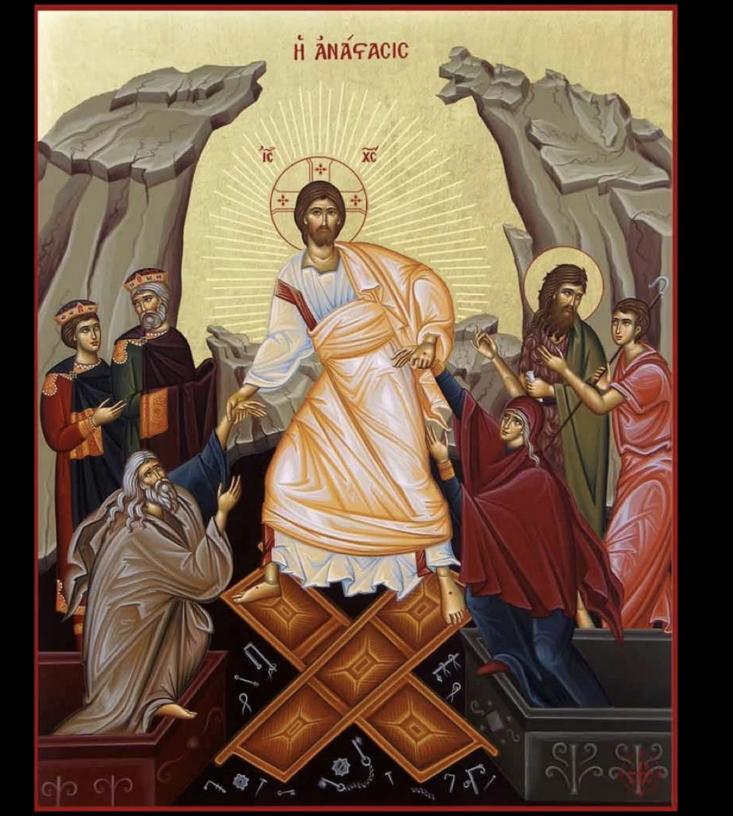
<sup>6</sup> "He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. <sup>7</sup> And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there."

"Remember what I have told you." 8 The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. 9 And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them.

And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."

<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted! <sup>18</sup> Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth."

<sup>19</sup> "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."









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#### **MATTHEW 28:6**

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In everyday language, "signed, sealed, delivered" is often used to express that something has been conclusively completed or assuredly decided. It conveys a sense of finality and fulfillment, whether in personal commitments, business deals, or even in casual conversation about completing tasks.

"One of the strongest arguments for the truth of the resurrection is that if it had not occurred, we would never have heard of Jesus at all." Fleming Rutledge

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## John 3:31-33

<sup>31</sup> "[Jesus] has come from above and is greater than anyone else. We are of the earth, and we speak of earthly things, but he has come from heaven and is greater than anyone else. 32 He testifies about what he has seen and heard, but how few believe what he tells them! 33 Anyone who accepts his testimony has *certified* that God is truthful.

## Revelation 1:17-18

"Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup> I am the living one. I died, but look —I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave."

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2 Corinthians 5:20, So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" (SIGNED)

Ephesians 1:13-14, When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession. (SEALED)

Colossians 1:13-14, He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (DELIVERED)

