

What did the zero say to the eight?

0, 8

[Nice belt]

What aren't elephants allowed on the beach?

[They won't keep their trunks up]



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“I'm not usually one for selfies unless they have a message: and this one does. On my way home through the desert this gentleman, who was standing by the side of the road, flagged me down. Given the fact that Arabs are murdering Jews every day and my own experience of being hacked at with a machete, I was very wary to stop. I could see that he looked hot and tired so I stopped, made sure I had my formidable pen knife close by and opened the window slightly to ask him what he wanted.

“He asked for water, which is chilling because that's how the terrorists tricked me 5 years ago. When I squeezed the bottle through the top of the open window, he started cursing the Arab Israelis who are murdering Jews and asked me to forgive him and his people. He was truly furious. He then asked if I could take him to the next junction. That was also a bit spooky, but he was wearing a robe and it was easy to see that he had no weapon. Aside from that I decided I could probably fight him off if needs be.

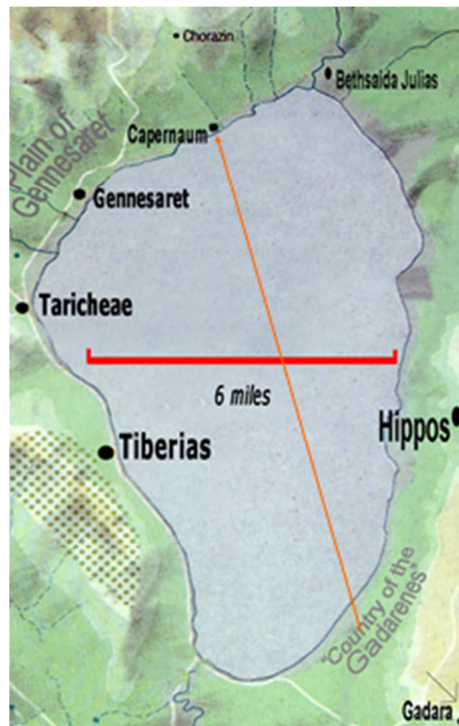
“I also had my phone open ready to call the police. As we were driving I found that we had a lot in common aside from his disgust with some of his fellow Arabs. We both thought that those who incite should be shipped off to Gaza and never be allowed to return. We both agreed that the government is too soft with terrorists. And we both agreed that the desert is a glorious place. The ride

ended with him teaching me a Bedouin curse in Arabic, meant for all Arabs who are rising up against the Jewish people: ‘May a 1000 fleas infest their mothers armpits.’ That’s what made us laugh. And the moral is...1) Let’s hope the government will adequately punish those who incite murder. 2) Be vigilant because there are Arabs that want to murder us....and there are beautiful and noble Arabs who do not. Shabbat Shalom to all the good people of Israel and for the evil Arab citizens... May 1000 fleas infest your mothers armpit.”

[From Jen Levine’s Facebook]

Mattityahu מתיתיהו
(Matthew) 9:12-13

[Last week Yeshua ישוע in a house in “His own town.” Which was??]



[Left SE corner of lake for Kfar with demonized guy.]



[Artist rendition of 1st century KfarNahum, synagogue two story]

Mtt. 9.9-10 As Yeshua passed on from there he spotted a tax-collector named Mattityahu sitting in his collection booth.

[Apparently down to beach, where crowd.

Other Bsorot call him Levi, who was the son of Alphaeus The publicans had houses, or booths built for them, at the foot of bridges, at the mouth of rivers, and by the sea shore, where they took toll of passengers that went to and fro: hence we read of bridges being made to take toll at, “the tickets”, or “seals of the publicans”; which, when a man had paid toll on one side of a river, were given him by the publican, to show to him that sat on the other side, that it might appear he had paid. Thus Matthew was sitting in a toll booth, near the seashore, to receive the toll of passengers that came, or went in ships or boats.]

Mtt. 9.9 He said to him, “Follow me!” and he got up and followed him.

Yn. 5.25 I tell you that there is coming a time -- in fact, it’s already here -- when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who listen will come to life.

[Do you remember hearing those words? Not just words. Life imparted.

Yeshua יֵשׁוּעַ didn’t come to make bad people good, or good people better. He came to make dead people alive. That’s why we worship. Joy and comfort of Immanuel. Power of Joy series.

I think something radical, life changing happened when Mattityahu [rap singer named Matisyahu] heard those words.

Early in the message for meditation, but consider. Have you heard? Yeshua יֵשׁוּעַ is calling to all, and continues to call once we’ve started.]

1 Cor 11.1 NIV Follow my example, as I follow the example of the Messiah.

CJB Try to imitate me, even as I myself try to imitate the Messiah.

[We are at best poor copies of the Master.

We’ll come back to this.]

Mtt. 9.10 While Yeshua was in the house eating, many tax-collectors and sinners came and joined him and his talmidim at the meal.

TLV Now it happened as Yeshua was reclining at the table...many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Yeshua יֵשׁוּעַ and His disciples.

[Reclining implies triclinium style. Many...

Big banquet.]



[Triclinium table,

<http://www.quia.com/files/quia/users/laurendowney/triclinium.gif>]



*[Triclinium table,
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*[Triclinium table attempt,
<http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-BzZt8e7v5m4/U5E24PDAYOI/AAAAAAAAABya/15IH4YP8JF0/s1600/Passover-biblical-dinner.jpg>]*

Levi/Matityahu had a transformation, and wanted to share, and celebrate. Made a party, sort of the essence of following Him. Invite, feed, give, serve.

First lesson of following: invite, feed, give, serve.

Next week is 5th Shabbat, so one lunch no team to prepare food. It's just carry in. Last 5th Shabbat was glorious. Make a note: glorious.]

Mtt. 9.11 When the P'rushim saw this, they said to his talmidim, "Why does your rabbi eat with tax-collectors and sinners?"

"Easy to say, they were religious snobs combined with politically indignant: tax collectors

- 1. ~ collaborators with Nazis to conquered Du, Fr*
- 2. tax system already exorbitant.*
- 3. profiteering corruption,*
- 4. abusive demands,*
- 5. so much \$ pilfered that couldn't repent"*

Yekhezkael/Ezek 33. 14-16 **And if I say to the wicked man, ‘You will surely die,’ but he then turns away from his sin and does what is just and right-- if he gives back what he took in pledge for a loan, returns what he has stolen, follows the decrees that give life, and does no evil, he will surely live; he will not die.**

[Important for the world to know of our integrity. One tax collector in Yeshua עושי׳ stories

Lk 19.8 But Zakkai stood there and said to the Lord, “Here, Lord, I am giving half of all I own to the poor; and if I have cheated anyone, I will pay him back four times as much.”]

Yekhezkael/Ezek 33. 14-16 **None of the sins he has committed will be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he will surely live.**

[Externally, you could say that religious snobs combined with politically indignant. But more important to get inside their thinking. Hear.

When I was a science teacher, I could usually hear where a student was stuck in a chemistry concept.

Hearing is a high form of love. G-d tells us to Hear Him, Shma...

Propose another explanation, from the teachings of Shaul/Paul, one of the greatest vessels of G-d’s thinking.]

Ro 10.1-4 **Isra’el...I can testify to their zeal for God. But it is not based on correct understanding; for, since they are unaware of God’s way of making people righteous and instead seek to set up their own, they have not submitted themselves to God’s way of making people righteous.**

[Driven by a passion for establishing their own righteousness. My Kabbalistic friend wants to do mitzvot to bring Messiah.

So, to Prushim/Pharisees affiliating with these wayward people only seemed to speak of lowering standards. There is that danger. But...]

Ro 10.1-4 **For the goal at which the Torah aims is the Messiah, who offers righteousness to everyone who trusts.**

[Received righteousness. Still have to work at it? Absolutely, but it’s an Immanuel righteousness.

G-d with us in Yeshua עושי׳, we don’t bring Him a finished work of righteousness, separation, purity. We bring Him ourselves, such as we are.]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 9.12

שָׁמַע יֵשׁוּעַ וְנֹאמַר לָהֶם : “לֹא הֵבְרִיאִים צְרִיכִים לְרֹפֵא , אֲלָא הַחֹלִים .

But Yeshua heard the question and answered, “The ones who need a doctor aren’t the healthy but the sick.

[We don’t like to admit that we are the sick and needy ones. This is the key to growth, maturity, power. You know your inner unholiness.

“Not me.”

Not minimizing thanking G-d for growth. Paul said late in ministry, “I am the chief of sinners.” Not “I was.”

Selah: pause and think.]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 9.13

וְאַתֶּם צְאוּ וְלַמְדוּ מֵה מִשְׁמַע 'חֶסֶד חַפְצָתִי וְלֹא-זֶבַח', כִּי לֹא בָאתִי לְקַרְא לְצַדִּיקִים
כִּי אִם לְחַוְטָאִים."

As for you, go and learn what this means: 'I want compassion rather than animal-sacrifices.' For I didn't come to call the 'righteous,' but sinners!"

What is He quoting?

Yeshua: 'I want compassion rather than animal-sacrifices.'

Hosh 6.3-7 Let us know, let us strive to know ADONAI. That he will come is as certain as morning; he will come to us like the rain, like the spring rains that water the earth. "Efrayim, what should I do to you? Y'hudah, what should I do to you? For your 'faithful love' is like a morning cloud, like dew that disappears quickly... For what I desire is mercy, not sacrifices, knowledge of God more than burnt offerings." But they, just like men, have broken the covenant, they have been faithless in dealing with me.

[Yeshua יְשׁוּעָה is primarily concerned with your attitudinal / relational life. Many tasks. Message mostly about tasks. But: inner life!! Love, joy, shalom.]

Mikhah 6.6-8 "With what can I come before ADONAI to bow down before God on high? Should I come before him with burnt offerings? with calves in their first year? Would ADONAI take delight in thousands of rams with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Could I give my firstborn to pay for my crimes, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" Human being, you have already been told what is good, what ADONAI demands of you - no more than to act justly, love grace and walk in purity with your God.

Was Yeshua יְשׁוּעָה opposed to sacrifices?

Did Yeshua יְשׁוּעָה ever make a Temple sacrifice?

Lk 22.14-15 When the time came, Yeshua and the emissaries reclined at the table, and he said to them, "I have really wanted so much to celebrate this Seder with you before I die!"

^{NIV} And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."

Mtt. 9.9 He said to him, "Follow me!" and he got up and followed him.

- Into new Life
- Into transformation of character
- Into servanthood: made a party

[Other forms servanthood...]

Mark 10.42-45 But Yeshua called them to him and said to them, "You know that among the Goyim, those who are supposed to rule them become tyrants, and their superiors become dictators. But among you, it must not be like that! On the contrary, whoever among you wants to be a leader must be your servant; and whoever wants to be first among you must become everyone's slave! For the

Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve -- and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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- Into giving

Acts 20.35 In everything I have given you an example of how, by working hard like this, you must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Yeshua himself, ‘There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.’”

From today’s bulletin [August figures]:

Total Income: \$23,598.60

less building: \$2,565.00; Sunrise: \$60.00

Net Income: \$20,973.60

less expenses: \$26,296.60

Net Loss: \$5,323

Building Fund 8/31/15: \$151,491

Benevolence Fund 8/31/15: \$1,032

[All but one of the months of 2015 was a deficit like this. We haven’t really given, till AFTER our tithe. Our books are available for inspection. Spend as little as you can to do the job well!]

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