

## MONDAY

**John 18:19-21** <sup>19</sup>Annas interrogated Jesus regarding his disciples and his teaching. <sup>20</sup>Jesus answered, "I've spoken openly in public. I've taught regularly in meeting places and the Temple, where the Jews all come together. Everything has been out in the open. I've said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup>So why are you treating me like a conspirator? Question those who have been listening to me. They know well what I have said. My teachings have all been aboveboard."

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A woman came to her doctor in a panic. "Doctor! All day long my daughter eats yeast and car wax, and won't get out of bed. What will happen to her?"

"Don't worry." said the Doctor, "Eventually, she will rise and shine!"

*Laugh & Lift*

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At breakfast one day, I eagerly waited for my husband to comment on my first attempt at homemade cinnamon rolls.

After several minutes with no reaction, I asked, "If I baked these commercially, how much do you think I could get for one of them?"

Without looking up from his paper my husband replied, "About 10 years."

*Clean Laugh*

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Friend: "I suppose you carry a memento of some sort in that locket of yours?"

Woman: "Yes, it's a lock of my husband's hair."

Friend: "But your husband is still alive."

Woman: "I know, but his hair is gone." *Humor*

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### Lessons for Life

An Angel says, 'Never borrow from the future. If you worry about what may happen tomorrow and it doesn't happen, you have worried in vain. Even if it does happen, you have to worry twice...'

Separate worries from concerns . If a situation is a concern, find out what God would have you do and let go of the anxiety

If you can't do anything about a situation, forget it..

Live within your budget; don't use credit cards for ordinary purchases.

Have backups; an extra car key in your wallet, an extra house key buried in the garden, extra stamps, etc.

K.M.S. (Keep Mouth Shut).. This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.

Do something for the Kid in Your everyday.

*Landry Hayden & Rosemary Westbrook*

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#### **Bulletin errors-**

- We pray that our people will jumble themselves.
- There will not be any Women Worth Watching this week.
- Hymn of Response: Crown Him With Many Cows
- Child care provided with reservations.
- Janet Smith has volunteered to strip, and refinish the communion table in the sanctuary.

## TUESDAY

**John 18:22** <sup>22</sup>*When Jesus said this, one of the policemen standing there slapped Jesus across the face, saying, "How dare you speak to the Chief Priest like that!"*

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Dear John,

I am sending you this letter in a bogus software company envelope so that you will be sure to read it. Please forgive the deception, but I thought you should know what has been going on at home since your computer entered our lives two years ago.

The children are doing well. Tommy is 7 now and is a bright, handsome boy. He has developed quite an interest in the arts. He drew a family portrait for a school project. All the figures were good, but yours was excellent! The chair and the back of your head, while seated at your computer, are very realistic. You would be proud of him.

Little Jennifer turned 3 in September. She looks a lot like you did at that age. She is an attractive child and quite smart. She still remembers that you spent the whole afternoon with us on her birthday. What a grand day for Jen, despite the fact that it was stormy and the electricity was out.

I am also doing well. I went blonde about a year ago and was delighted to discover that it really is more fun. Lars—I mean Mr. Swenson, the department head, has taken an interest in my career and has become a good friend to us all. I have discovered that the household chores are much easier since I realized that you don't mind being vacuumed around, although that feather duster does make you sneeze. The house is in good shape. I had the living room painted last spring. I'm not sure if you noticed it. I made sure that the painters cut air holes in the drop cloth so you wouldn't smother.

Well, dear, I must be going. Uncle Lars – Mr. Swenson, I mean, is taking us all on a ski trip and there is packing to do. I have hired a housekeeper to take care of thing while we are away. She'll keep things in order, fill your coffee cup, and bring your meals to your desk, -just the way you like it. I hope you and computer have a lovely time while we are gone. Tommy, Jen and I think of you often – try to remember us while your computer is booting. Love, Angela

*Jokes and Funny Stories*

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I hate when I just miss a call by the last ring (Hello? Hello? Heck!), but when I immediately call back, it rings nine times and goes to voicemail. What'd you do after I didn't answer? Drop the phone and run away? *Humor Digest*

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### Humorous Quotes on Life

I'm not going to vacuum 'til Sears makes one you can ride on. *Roseanne Barr*

To attract men, I wear a perfume called New Car Interior. *Rita Rudner*

I haven't spoken to my wife in years. I didn't want to interrupt her.  
*Rodney Dangerfield*

My grandmother was a very tough woman. She buried three husbands and two of them were just napping.~*Rita Rudner*

I love deadlines. I like the whooshing sound they make as they fly by. *Douglas Adams*

I have an aunt who married so late in life that Medicare picked up 80 percent of the honeymoon.  
*Don Reber*

I hate housework- you make the beds, you do the dishes...and six months later you have to start all over again. *Joan Rivers*

My grandmother is over eighty and still doesn't need glasses. Drinks right out of the bottle.  
*Henny Youngman*

Inside me there's a thin person struggling to get out, but I can usually sedate him with four or five cupcakes *Bob Thaves*

## WEDNESDAY

**John 18:23** <sup>23</sup>Jesus replied, "If I've said something wrong, prove it. But if I've spoken the plain truth, why this slapping around?"

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Two patients limp into two different medical clinics with the same complaint. Both have trouble walking and appear to require a hip replacement. The first patient is examined within the hour, is x-rayed the same day and has a time booked for surgery the following week.

The second sees his family doctor after waiting 3 weeks for an appointment, then waits 8 weeks to see a specialist, then gets an x-ray, which isn't reviewed for another week and finally has his surgery scheduled for a month from then.

Why the different treatment for the two patients?

The first is a Golden Retriever.

The second is a Senior Citizen. *Laugh & Lift*

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The manager at our local restaurant was a friendly, jovial man, but there was one subject you didn't dare discuss in front of him: his height, or rather, his lack of it.

He was very short and very obviously sensitive about the subject.

One day he stormed through the kitchen doors and announced angrily, "Someone just picked my pocket!"

Everyone was speechless, except for me. I just couldn't help myself and blurted out, "How could anyone stoop so low?"

*Humor Digest*

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A college professor had the mysterious habit of removing a tennis ball from his jacket pocket as he walked into the lecture hall each morning. He would set it on the corner of the podium. After giving the lecture for the day, he would once again pick up the tennis ball, place it into his jacket pocket, and leave the room.

No one ever understood why he did this, until one day ... A student fell asleep during the lecture. The professor didn't miss a word of his lecture while he walked over to the podium, picked up the tennis ball, and threw it, hitting the sleeping student squarely on the top of the head.

The next day, the professor walked into the room, reached into his jacket, removed a baseball ... No one ever fell asleep in his class the rest of the semester!

*Cybersalt Digest*

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Pauly and Maury are at the bar and chatting.

Maury: "I'm so excited. I'm about to realize my life-long dream!"

Pauly: "Are you going to finally win the lottery?"

Maury: "Very funny, Pauly. No, I've been offered a job by Ferrari!"

Pauly: "The pasta-maker in Brooklyn?"

Maury: "No, moron. I'm talking about the sports cars manufacturer."

Pauly: "That's fantastic, Maury. What job have they offered you?"

Maury: "Crash-test dummy." *Humor Digest*

THURSDAY

**John 18:24-25** <sup>24</sup>Then Annas sent him, still tied up, to the Chief Priest Caiaphas. <sup>25</sup>Meanwhile, Simon Peter was back at the fire, still trying to get warm. The others there said to him, "Aren't you one of his disciples?" He denied it, "Not me."

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This morning, I softly opened your door, reluctant to rouse you from sleep. Your blonde hair all tousled from a little boy's dream, and your body curled up in heap.

For a stolen moment standing there at your door, my mind reached back into time, to a little blue bundle cuddled up in my arms - and gentle hints of nursery rhyme.

Was it not a mere yesterday that you were learning how to walk, and I know that it was just last week we were teaching you to talk.

But somehow, I managed to waken you, to your breakfast waiting there. I dressed you in your finest clothes, and I carefully combed your hair.

Oh little boy, I love you so And I felt like such a fool, to be so hesitant to let go of you , on your very first day of school. *Marilyn Ferguson*

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The personnel office received an email requesting a listing of the department staff broken down by age and sex. The personnel office sent this reply:

"Attached is a list of our staff. We currently have no one broken down by age or sex. However, we do have a few alcoholics." *Cybersalt*

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Eleven people were hanging on a rope, under a helicopter. 10 men and 1 woman.

The rope was not strong enough to carry them all, so they decided that one had to leave, because otherwise they were all going to fall. They weren't able to choose that person, until the woman gave a very touching speech.

She said that she would voluntarily let go of the rope, because, as a woman, she was used to giving up everything for her husband and kids or for men in general, and was used to always making sacrifices with little in return.

As soon as she finished her speech, all the men started clapping . . . . .  
*E-Mail Ministry*

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I was working in the sun all day, putting finishing touches on a new deck outside my house. My sister pulled into the driveway, greeted me, and looked over my work. "Wow," she gushed, "you're an expert."

Feeling complimented and satisfied, but...trying not to seem egotistical, I responded, "Once you get going, it's pretty easy!"

She looked puzzled and, wondering if I'd misunderstood I asked her, "What did you just say?"

She replied, "I said, your necks burnt!" *Humor Digest*

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As an obstetrician, I sometimes see unusual tattoos when working in labor and delivery. One patient had some type of fish tattoo on her abdomen.

"That sure is a pretty whale." I commented.

With a smile she replied, "It used to be a dolphin." *Ron Norris*

## FRIDAY

**John 18:26-27** <sup>26</sup>*One of the Chief Priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?"* <sup>27</sup>*Again, Peter denied it. Just then a rooster crowed.*

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Artist Pablo Picasso surprised a burglar at work in his new chateau. The intruder got away, but Picasso told the police he could do a rough sketch of what he looked like.

On the basis of his drawing, the police arrested a mother superior, the minister of finance, a washing machine, and the Eiffel tower. *Cybersalt Digest*

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A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his flashlight around, looking for valuables when a voice in the dark said, 'Jesus knows you're here.' He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze.

When he heard nothing more, after a bit, he shook his head and continued.

Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard 'Jesus is watching you.' Freaked out, he shined his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice.

Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot.

'Did you say that?' he hissed at the parrot.

'Yep', the parrot confessed, then squawked, 'I'm just trying to warn you that he is watching you.'

The burglar relaxed. 'Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?'

Moses,' replied the bird.

'Moses?' the burglar laughed. 'What kind of people would name a bird Moses?'

'The same kind of people that would name a Rottweiler Jesus.' Squawked the parrot.

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The minister approached me after church. "We're going to check in with people who haven't been here for a while to make sure they're okay and let them know they're missed. Will you help?" It was the 10th

anniversary of my mother's death, and visiting strangers was the last thing I wanted to do. "Not today," I said. "I'm sorry." As I left the church, I prayed, Lord, I'd give anything to feel Mama near again.

For years after Mama died, I had met with her friends to laugh and talk, remembering her cheerful ways, her parties and how she made time to visit the housebound. The word visit stung my conscience. I went back to the minister. "I'll help after all," I said, and he handed me a name and address.

When I drove to the house, a woman answered the door. "I'm here to see Cora Heinecke," I said, introducing myself. "Cora's in bed," the woman replied. "She's one hundred years old, you know. But she loves company." She led me to a dark bedroom, where she raised the shades and told Cora, "You have a visitor. Mrs. Potter from the church."

Cora sat up. "Lillian Layton's daughter?" she asked. "What a blessing!" I looked at her, unbelieving. It turned out that Cora had been a close friend of my mother's! For more than an hour we talked about Mama. It was a discovery I never have forgotten: When I reached out to others, Mama came nearer with my visits. *Cup O'Cheer*

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My view of my mother has changed immensely in the last few years. She was a lot taller when I was younger. *Howie Mandel*