

Bronze Serpent and Christ

John 3:14-15

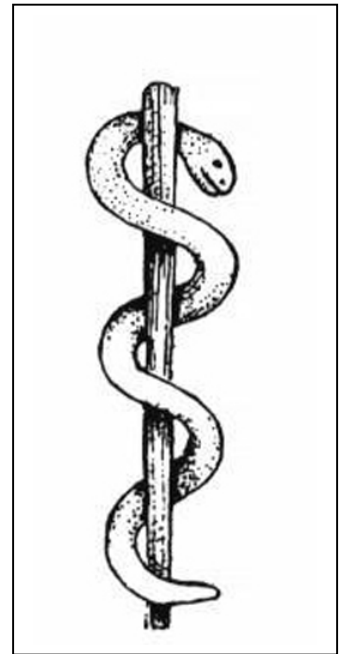
¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

James 2:14-17

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

1 Corinthians 10:9-11

⁹ We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰ And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. ¹¹ These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.



Questions: Write down or think of the answer to the following three questions. These will be discussed as a class.

- 1) How is Jesus like the Bronze Serpent?
- 2) What did the Israelites need to do to be saved?
- 3) What do we need to do to be saved by Jesus according to this?

Circle the best answer

4) Why did God send poisonous snakes among the Israelites?

- They worshipped idols.
- They didn't enter Canaan.
- They broke the Sabbath.
- They complained about food.

5) Who did the people speak against?

- God.
- God and Moses.
- God and Aaron.
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6) **After many people of Israel died, what did the people do?**

- They cursed Moses and Aaron.
- They cursed God.
- They repented.
- They fled.

7) **What was Moses' first response?**

- He returned to Mount Sanai.
- He prayed for the people.
- He told Aaron to build a golden calf.
- He took Moses and Miriam and fled to the desert.

8) **Of what metal was the serpent made that Moses put on a pole?**

- copper
- bronze/brass
- iron/ore
- gold

9) **How were the Israelites saved from venomous snakes?**

- Faith by looking at the serpent on the pole.
- Offering a sacrifice to the serpent on the pole.
- Worshipping the serpent on the pole.
- Throwing stones at the serpent on the pole.



10) **In 1 Corinthians, Paul tells us not to test ___ as the Israelites did and were destroyed by serpents.**

- Fate
- God
- Christ
- Moses

11) **Jesus said, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the ___ be lifted up."**

- Creator
- Son of Man
- Lord of the harvest
- Word of God