

# Ridiculous Sayings

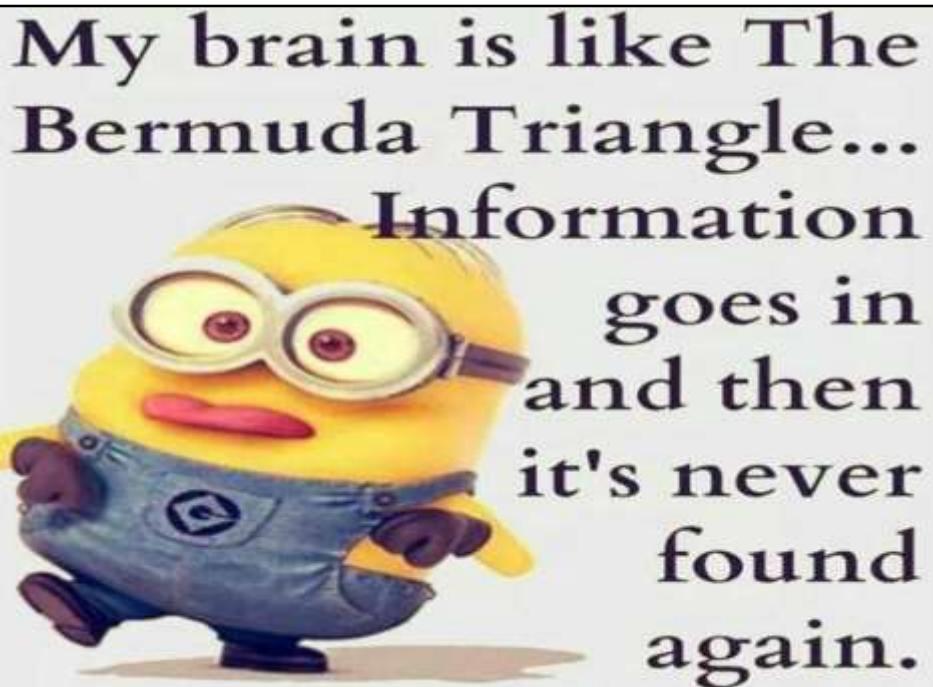
I don't know about you but I grew up hearing some very odd sayings spoken by the adults around me. Here's one or two of them;

'Two heads are better than one, even if they are sheep's'

'Cough it up, it might be a piano'

'You want your chest rubbing with a brick'

And so they went on...but as we'll see daft or ridiculous sayings weren't restricted to my childhood...



There's a whole load of sayings and ideas that are being attributed to the Minions from the film 'Despicable Me'....

This is also like me trying to work out some IT stuff...

I didn't mean  
to gain weight.  
It happened  
by snaccident.

Terrible pun..



The more you weigh,  
the harder you are to  
kidnap.  
Stay safe. Eat cake.

A modern ridiculous idea?

Yes officer, I did see the  
'speed limit' sign, I just didn't  
see you.

Why start a conversation that is from a wrong premise? It does also carry a hint of 'see how far you can push the boundary or limit before you get caught?'

I enjoy long romantic walks to the fridge.

Doesn't mention solitary walks, so it might work?

**2 mysterious  
people live in  
my house.  
Somebody &  
Nobody.  
Somebody  
did it and  
Nobody knows  
who.**



Especially true when the grandchildren come to stay...



So here we have the masters of ridiculous ideas, sayings and statements.

Now the Sadducees who were part of the group of Jewish Religious Rulers, they held the belief that anything you had in life was entirely there because of your own efforts – nothing to do with God.

Likewise the Sadducees didn't go along with people having a soul, any after life, the resurrection, divine retribution, angels or demons...

Their hero could have been...



This character...who is?

Victor Meldrew – who's appropriate tag line for the Sadducees was....



I don't believe it!

It does make you wonder what they did believe and yet some of the Sadducees were also priests in the Temple...

It does beg the question as to how the Sadducees who were priests could lead people in worship when they didn't believe in half of the basics of the faith...



So the Sadducees come to Jesus with a question based on something and somewhere they don't believe in.

What really lay behind the question was possibly a sneaky way of getting Jesus involved in discussions about heritance – keeping the worldly possessions (which included wives) in the family.

The Sadducees had no real desire to want to discuss the after life as they didn't believe in it – it was conundrum with which to try and catch Jesus out.

## The Living God

The Living God is:

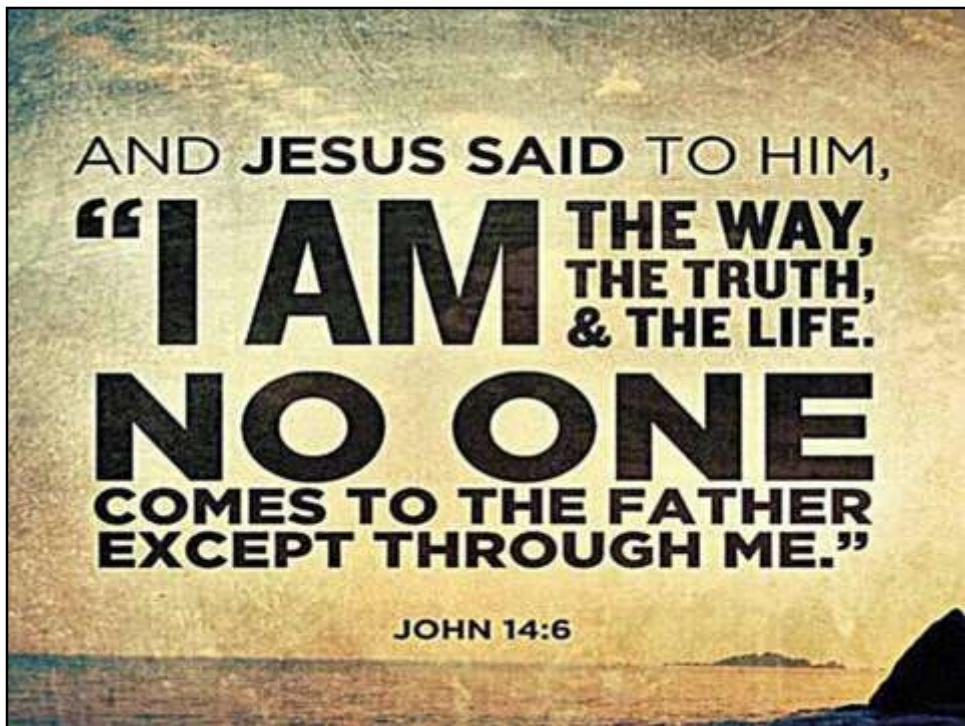
- God as Thou
- God of Love
- God of Mystery
- God of Freedom
- God of Community



Instead of Jesus getting caught up in a ridiculous statement – He cuts through to the truth of the Eternal nature of God and that there **is** Heaven. Jesus then goes on to describe just a little of what eternal life will be like there.

If we have a relationship through accepting Jesus as our Saviour then that sure place that Jesus speaks of is yours.

God is God of the whole community of believers, those in Heaven and those of us still on earth...

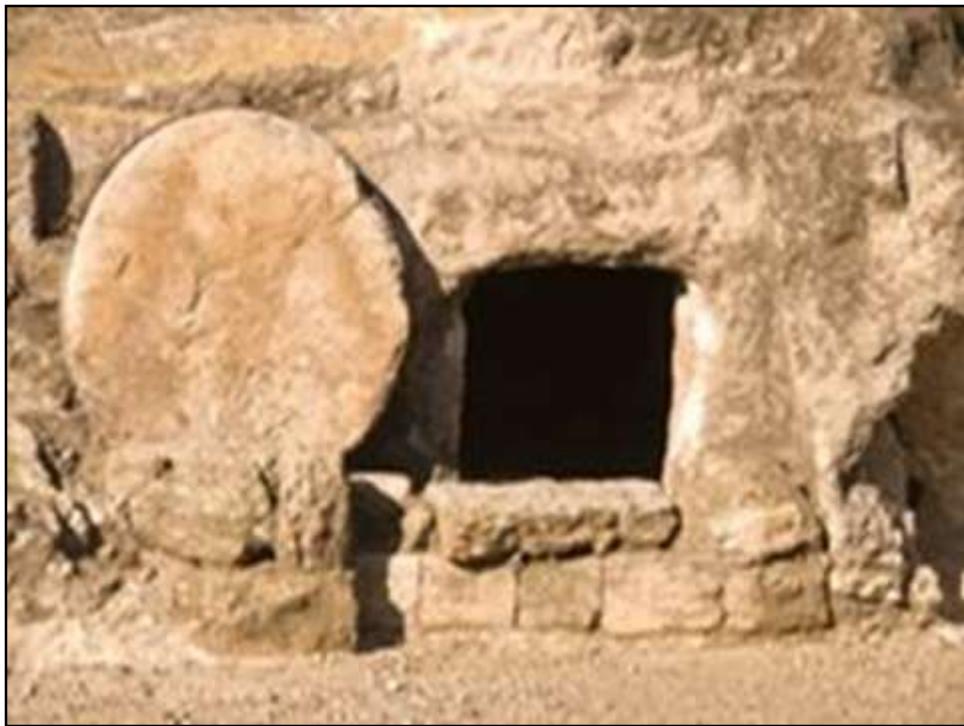


Being in a place where we someone tries to trip us up on matters of our faith, wasn't unique to Jesus.

The first disciples encountered this from Acts 4 after God through Peter & John brought healing to the crippled beggar; to Acts 28 when Paul is preaching in Rome under armed guard.

There's always somebody out there to try and make Christians look foolish, including making me and you look foolish.

And the one behind this is of course the accuser, the father of all lies.



I spoke last week about Jesus putting his own teaching, his own words into action when he met with Zacchaeus.

Jesus spoke often about heaven, life beyond death, Eternity with God – the afterlife; life beyond the tomb.

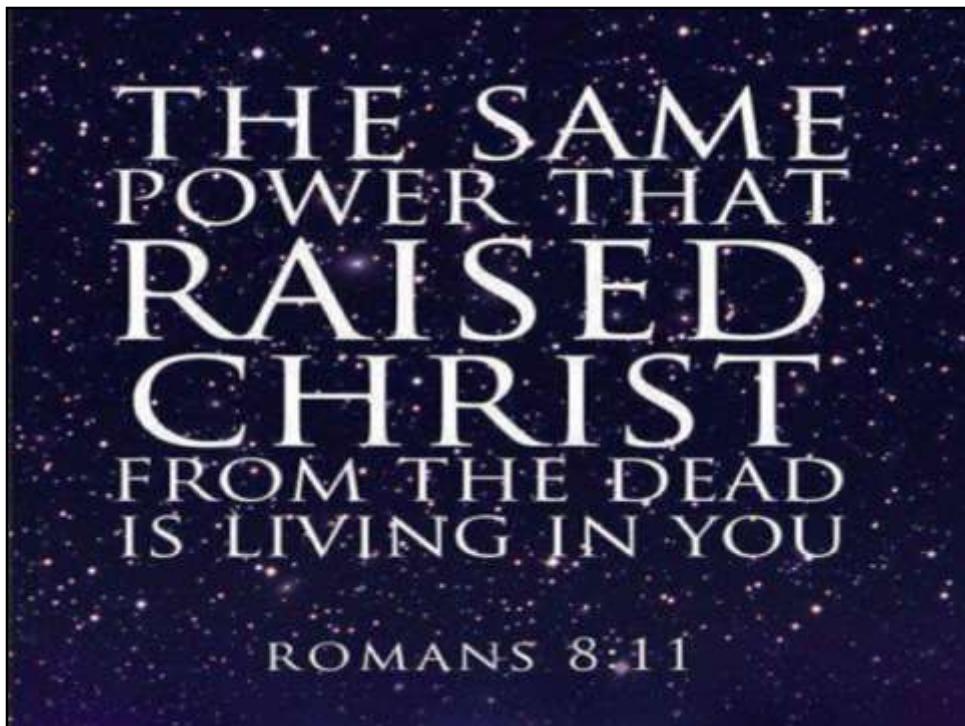
Easter Day and Jesus' resurrection is probably the ultimate example of 'walking the walk' or 'faith in action'

I AM  
THE RESURRECTION  
AND THE LIFE;  
HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME,  
THOUGH HE DIE,  
YET SHALL HE LIVE.

JOHN 11:25

Jesus spoke openly about the offer of Eternal Life for all who believe in Him – he showed His Divine power over death when he raised Lazarus – a signposting of what did happen on Easter Day.

But it was Caiaphas, the High Priest who decided that Jesus must die – Caiaphas was a Sadducee. For him, Jesus both represented and showed to the people all that Caiaphas didn't believe in.



All this isn't history.

Our faith isn't stuck back 2,000 years ago with Jesus cutting through the verbal rubbish of the Sadducees.

Nor even of the scheming of Caiaphas to kill Jesus.

The Holy Spirit of God that enabled Jesus to not get tripped up with ridiculous scenarios, that raised Jesus and Lazarus from the dead **IS** within you.

Everyone who knows Jesus and has Jesus as the Lord of their life – does have the Holy Spirit within them.



**Seeing is never believing: we interpret what we see in the light of what we believe. Faith is confidence in God before you see God emerging, therefore the nature of faith is that it must be tried.**

David Chimben

You, each of you, carry the Holy Spirit into every place and situation that you go.  
The Hope of Eternity is within you.  
There may be times when it doesn't feel like that or that you wish that Eternity would come quickly – but we, you, are a people of faith.  
And in faith, when you are faced with someone giving you a ridiculous , strange or tough scenario – ask God for guidance.(a quick 'Help!' prayer)  
God won't let you down – God never sets up Christians for a fall....God empowers us, empowers **you** for the daily life He has blessed you with - so we too can speak in faith, confident of our Eternity.