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All things through Christ

“To Caesar You Have Appealed, and To Caesar You Will Go.”

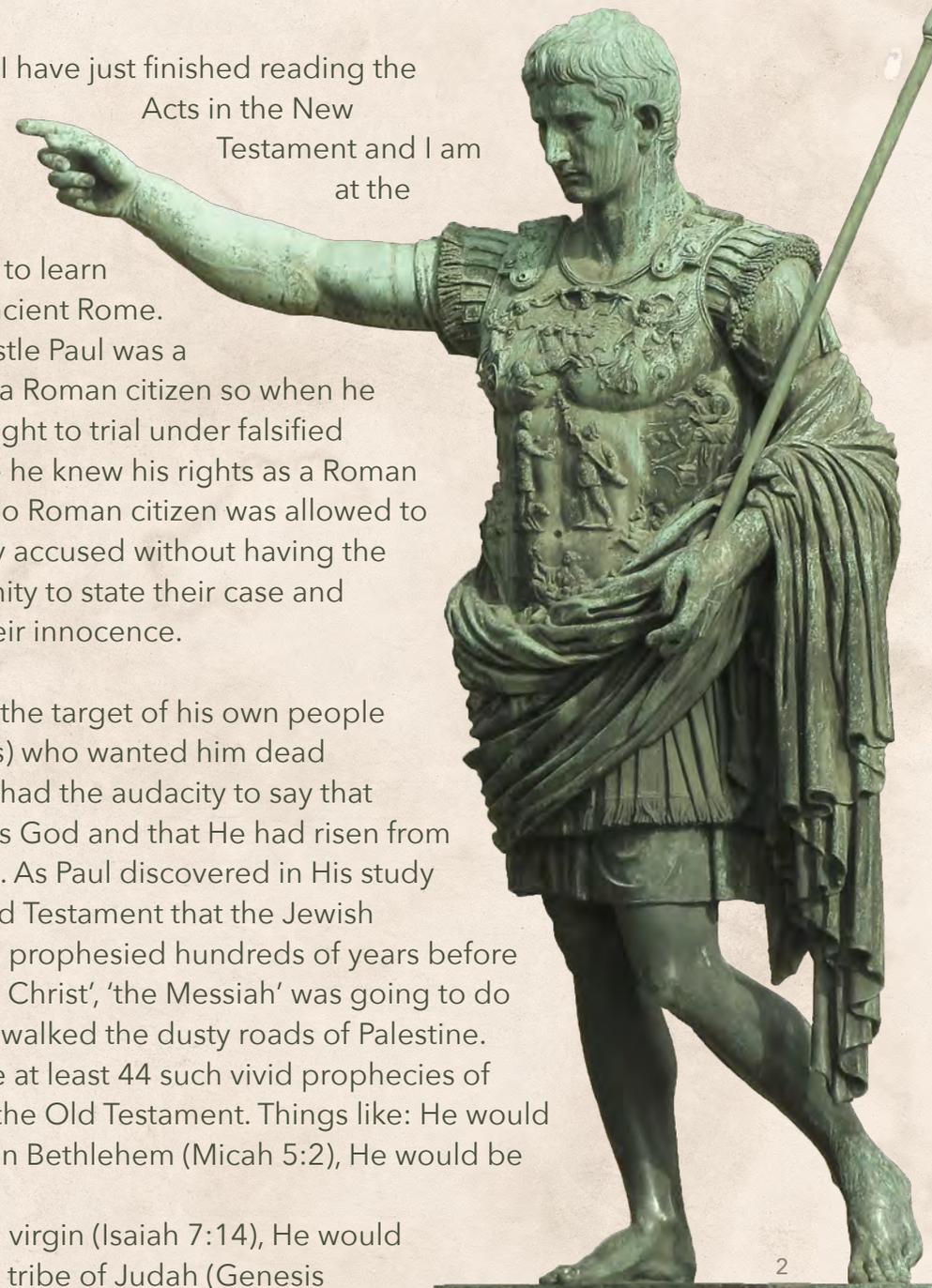
I must confess, I have a fascination with ancient civilisations. Relics thousands of years old get my attention as I analyse the artefact and ponder on what might have been in the life of a servant, a ruler, a mother, a child - the life of somebody living in those days, at that time. What was life like for them? What was it like living in Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece, among the Hittites, under the Ottomans, following the Tsars of Russia and the emperors of the Shang dynasty of ancient China? What was life like living under the rulers of the Maya Civilisation of Ancient America? Serious and seasoned history buffs would say to me and what about the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Persians and the Grecians?

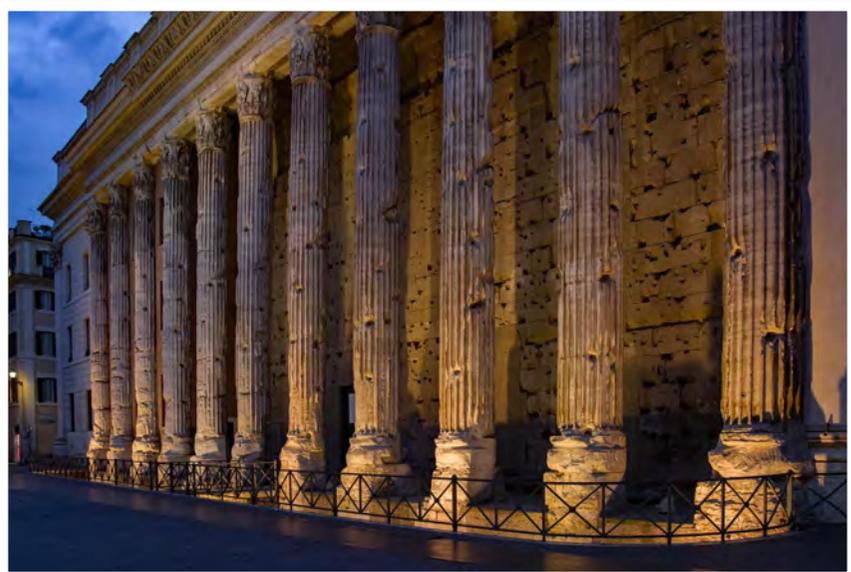
One of the most prominent and more recent ancient civilisations was the Roman empire - what a study that is. Founded by Augustus Caesar in 27BC and reigning until 476AD. Over 500 years of world domination. So much drama, politics, war, bloodshed, new roads and laws of governing.

I am also thankful that the Bible has the most accurate record of all books regarding the ancient past. Kings, Queens, Caesars, Prime Ministers, prominent world leaders of all descriptions are named and dated. Records of the wars, events, tragedies and victories that transpired are all recorded in the pages of scripture.

Recently I have just finished reading the book of Acts in the New Testament and I am amazed at the things I continue to learn about Ancient Rome. The Apostle Paul was a Jew and a Roman citizen so when he was brought to trial under falsified evidence he knew his rights as a Roman citizen. No Roman citizen was allowed to be falsely accused without having the opportunity to state their case and plead their innocence.

Paul was the target of his own people (the Jews) who wanted him dead because had the audacity to say that Jesus was God and that He had risen from the dead. As Paul discovered in His study of the Old Testament that the Jewish prophets prophesied hundreds of years before what ‘the Christ’, ‘the Messiah’ was going to do when he walked the dusty roads of Palestine. There are at least 44 such vivid prophecies of Jesus in the Old Testament. Things like: He would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2), He would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14), He would be of the tribe of Judah (Genesis





49:10), He would be heir to King David's throne (Isaiah 9:7), a massacre of children would happen at his birth - due to King Herod's paranoia and wickedness (Jeremiah 31:15), He would speak in parables (Psalm 78:2-4), He would be a sacrifice for sin (Isaiah 53:5-12), He would be crucified with criminals (Isaiah 53:12), He would resurrect from the dead (Psalm 16:10; Psalm 49:15), He would ascend to heaven (Psalm 24:7-10).

Paul claimed that Christ rose from the dead. That the Jesus was coming back to judge the world in righteousness. Acts 17: 31 makes this explicit: *"For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."*

Jesus will be the whole world's judge because he suffered for us - going the cross in the place of all who truly believe in Him and are not ashamed to call Him Lord and Saviour.

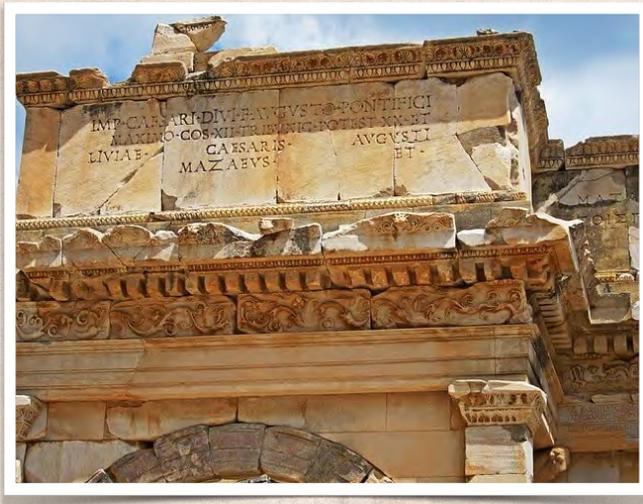
The Apostle Paul was brought to trial for propagating what was proven to be true, but the Jews so disliked Paul and the power that was on him to preach the gospel that they decided to ambush him and kill him while he was being taken to trial before the Governor in Caesarea called Felix (Acts 24). After hearing the Jews accuse Paul, Felix could see nothing wrong with Paul that warrant imprisonment or death; but he left Paul in prison and then was succeeded by Porticus Festus two years later.

Porticus Festus also heard Paul's case and after realising there was nothing worth convicting him of a crime, he asked Paul if he would go back to Jerusalem and stand trial there. Paul, knowing the Jews were still planning to ambush and kill him, replied, "I am now standing in before Caesar's court, where I ought to be tried ... if the charges brought against me by these Jews are not true, no one has the right to hand me over to them. I appeal to Caesar!" (Acts 25:10-11). Paul had been born a Roman citizen and had this right.

Festus conferred with his council and then said, "To Caesar you have appealed and to Caesar you will go."

This started Paul on his famous, yet near-fatal journey across the Mediterranean on a ship he was a prisoner on - it was bound for Rome (Acts 27-28). I encourage you to read this incredible journey in Acts chapters 27-28. At one stage on the journey, an angel appeared before Paul in the midst of what must have been one of

the wildest, life-threatening storms to have hit the Mediterranean seas. The angel said to Paul, "Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you." (Acts 27:24).



Paul eventually made it to Rome after the ship run aground on a reef or sandbar right near an island called Malta. Today, if you visit Malta, you can visit St Paul's Bay and see the place where they believe the Paul swam to shore with the crew all those years before.

I was fascinated by the angel's words: "Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar." It made me wonder how often I read the Bible or hear the word of God and forget to put my trust in it. God has promised those who believe in Him many things. "Ask and it shall be given to you" (Matthew 7:7), "Do not be

anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition present your requests to God" (Philippians 4:6), "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6). How many times have I foregone God's peace and His best because I didn't put my trust in Him or I didn't believe He would do as He said He would do?

Paul believed God's word spoken by the angel and as a result he knew he would survive the storm. He knew he was going to stand before Caesar and testify to God's goodness through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul believed and was at peace with God and the crazy world around him - even standing on trial before the most powerful man in the world at the time did not phase Paul. He knew the Lord Jesus was going to stand by His side.

May we have the same trust Paul had in our present and future lives. May we enjoy the same peace in life as Paul had - even in the midst of our own personal struggles and storms. Jesus can over rule any storm we face and He will stand by our side in the midst of it.

Peter Connell

It's time for

Awards Ceremony 2020

26 November 2020

Doors open 5:45 pm for 6:00 pm start
Endeavour Christian College

Please bring your own chair

RSVP: admin@endeavour.qld.edu.au

Note: No food or beverages will be provided

Ladies from across Endeavour Christian College were elegantly dressed for the day of fun and fashion at the only race meet in Cooktown.

In a year when the majority of events have been cancelled due to Covid, it was a real treat for everyone to dress up and be seen.

Congratulations to everyone. You all looked fabulous.



BOOK FAIR - THE ARCTIC

Book Fair was held from 2 November to Thursday 5 November. The Theme was the Arctic and was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to all those who purchased books or stationary items from our Book Fair. We managed to sell \$1269 worth of books and stationary and as a result have \$329 commission to spend on books for the library, which helps us to provide more reading books for our students.



The 'Guess How Many Snowballs' competition for Prep and Year 1 had two exact winners, so the winners who guessed 16 snowballs were Bikram Singh and Lena Martich. The harder 'Guess How Many Snowballs' for the Year 2s to Year 7/8s had no exact winner the closest winner to the 91 snowballs were in Year 2 - Jonathan

Coventry and Fabian Thomas with a guess of 49, in Year 3/4 - Jessica Sibley with a guess of 90, Teila Hunt was closest in Year 5/6 with 86 and Monty Smith in Year 7/8 guessed 87. All winners received a voucher which was redeemed at the Book Fair.

The best dress-ups were judged by a year 11 and 12 student. A boy and girl winner in each class is chosen. The winners were - in Prep- Loic Gougeon and Sophie Corbett, in Year 1, Julian Slykerman and Lunay Louw, in Year 2- Joe Reid and Rhodesia Jenyns, in Year 3- Joshua Slykerman and Matilda Montgomery, in Year 4- Malena Gougeon and Jackson Callaghan, in Year 5- Benjiah Jenyns and Holly Callaghan. No-one dressed-up in year 6. All winners received a colouring/activity book.



A big thank you to Desiree Irwin and Shelley Lyon who helped put the book fair together.

Thank you for helping make this another great Book Fair display.



Food Technologies

The Year 9 Food Technologies students final assessment this term requires them to develop food products for Mini-Tuckshop lunch.

Their creations will be available to students, parents and teachers in Week 7, 18 November 2020.

Students will focus on the following key points:

- **Tasty:** To be made from of sustainably sourced ingredients and must be healthy and attractive.
- **Dietary needs:** Sellable to customers with various dietary needs.

- **Inexpensive to produce:** The ingredients can not be expensive.
- **Time:** The methods used must be reasonable in terms of time and energy for preparation.
- **Packaging:** The food product must be packaged, labelled and promoted.

We are looking forward to see all the creative and tasty ideas!

See the last page of the Newsletter for their advertisements



Learning about the “ins and outs” of digital technology

In Digital Technologies we are learning about the components of digital systems and the differences between hardware and software.

As part of this exploration we had a gallery walk through some digital systems including a CD/Tape player, phone, computer tower and printer.

We visited Miss Teila's office and discovered a number of digital systems that she uses daily and discussed the purpose of EFTPOS machines, scanners, laptops, tablets and phones.

The tape player was most intriguing as many students hadn't seen one before and the inside of the computer tower with all its wires and components prompted a lot of discussion. We are learning that both desktop and laptop computers contain similar features but they look

different, such as the keyboard, mouse, speakers and monitor.

In Science our investigation about how things move continued with an experiment in the construction corner. We compared how objects with curved surfaces moved compared to those with flat surfaces and then if incline affected this as well. We learnt the difference between rolling and sliding and discovered that objects moved faster when rolling/sliding



Where does water come from?

This term in Year 1/2 we are learning about where water comes from, where it is used and how to use it responsibly.

We investigated what happens to rainwater when it hits different surfaces around our school and discussed whether it absorbed into the ground or evaporated back into the atmosphere.



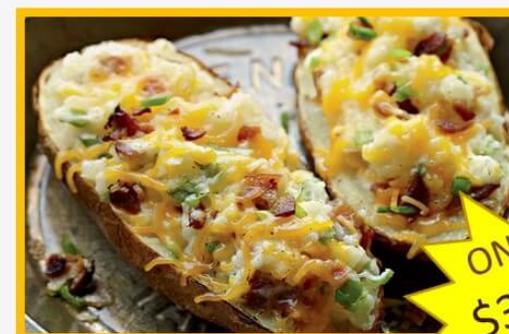
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