



Simple Surprise

Surrendered Emotions Series

Solid Rock Church

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Surprised

An unexpected event, or the feeling of wonder and astonishment, caused by something you did not see coming

Happy



Sad



Angry



Surprised



Scared



Disgusted



Simple Surprises Positive

Found money in a pocket
Compliment from a stranger
Someone let you ahead
Multiple green lights in a row



Simple Surprises

Negative

A higher bill than expected
Breaking something
Pet - bathroom in house
Unexpected visitors arrive



Simple Surprises Spiritually

Feeling peace and joy
God's presence directly
Answered prayer
Gospel shared and
received by someone



**DON'T BE SURPRISED BY
ANSWERED PRAYERS**

Expressing surprise

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Solomon Surprises in Old Testament

Wonderful things

Not surprised by evil

Evil will be surprised at
its ending



Solomon: 4 Wonderfully Surprising Things

Proverbs 30:18 – 19, Three things are too wonderful for me; four I do not understand: the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a serpent on a rock, the way of a ship on the high seas, and the way of a man with a woman.



Solomon: Don't Be Surprised by Evil

Ecclesiastes 5:8, If you see the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and righteousness, do not be ***amazed*** at the matter, for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them.

amazed: tamah in Hebrew

astounded, shocked, or bewildered

Solomon: Evil Will Find Surprising End

Proverbs 12:20, Those who plan evil face a ***rude surprise***. People who work for peace find joy.

“rude surprise”: *mirmah* in Hebrew
deceit, fraud, treachery

NT Scripture Synonyms for Surprise(d)

English
surprise

Greek
xenizo

amazed
astonished
marvel
not expected

thambos
ekplesso
thaumazo
elpizomen

N.T. WRIGHT

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SCRIPTURE

ENGAGING CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

"N. T. Wright is the most prolific biblical scholar in a generation. Some say he is the most important apologist since C. S. Lewis. . . . When Wright speaks, preaches, or writes, folks say they see Jesus, and lives are transformed."

—CHRISTIANITY TODAY



Spiritual Surprises for Jesus

The Nazarenes Surprised by Jesus

Mark 6: 2 – 3, And on the Sabbath Jesus began to teach in the Synagogue, and many who heard Him were **astonished**, saying, “*Where* did this man get these things? *What* is the wisdom given to Him? *How* are such mighty works done by His hands? Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary and Joseph?...and they **took offense** at Him.

Astonished = *ekplesso in Greek*

Shocked, to be blown away, astounded

Why Were Nazarenes Offended by Jesus?

- They knew him as a carpenter and a normal man
- He declared that He was the Messiah!
- He used prophetic passages for Himself, and that favored or highlighted the Gentiles

Luke 4:26,”...Elijah didn’t go to Israel, but was sent to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon...**27,** Elisha didn’t heal in Israel, but only Naaman the Syrian.

Jesus Surprised by the Nazarenes

Mark 6: 6, And Jesus *marveled* because of their unbelief. And He went about among the villages teaching.

Luke 4:28, When they (Nazarenes) heard these things, all in the Synagogue were filled with **wrath**. And they rose up and drove Jesus out of town and brought Him to the brow of the hill...so they could throw him down the cliff.

📍 **Mount Precipice, Nazareth**
Where the People of Nazareth
wanted to push Jesus in
this Cliff



Jesus Surprised by the Centurion

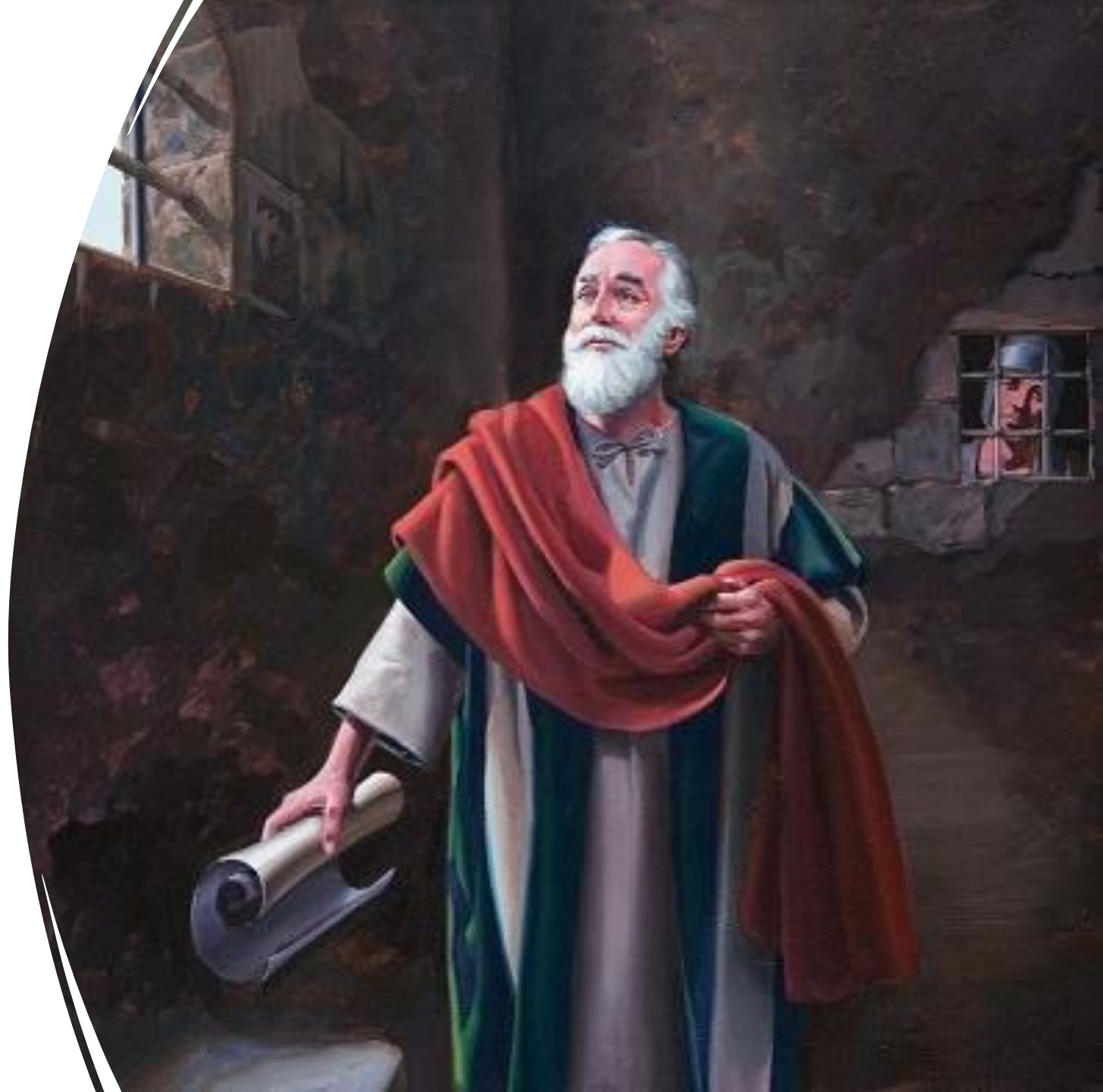
Luke 7: 9, When Jesus heard these things, he ***marveled*** at him, and turning to the crowd, that followed Him, said, “I tell you, not even in Israel have I found **such faith.**”

marveled: *Thaumazo*

wonder, amazed, stunned disbelief

Spiritual Surprises for Paul

His Conversion
The Macedonians
The Galatians



Paul's Surprising Conversion!

Acts 9:3, Now as he went on his way, Paul approached Damascus, and **suddenly** a light from heaven shone around him.

Acts 9:6, (KJV) And **trembling and astonished**, Paul said Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?

Paul Surprised by Macedonian Generosity

2nd Corinthians 8: 4 - 5, ...begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints -and this, not as we ***expected***, but the Macedonians gave themselves first to the Lord, and then by the will of God, to us.

expected: *elpizomen* in Greek
hoped, waited for, anticipated

Paul Surprised by Galatian's Lack of Faith

Galatians 1:6, I am *astonished* that you are so quickly deserting Jesus who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different Gospel of Christ.

Astonished: *thaumazo*

Spiritual Surprises for Peter

The abundance of fish

Not surprised by trials



Peter Surprised by Power of Jesus

Luke 5: 9, For Peter and all who were with him were ***amazed*** at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Amazed – *thambos* in Greek

Amazement, wonder, profound awe

Bordering on dread

Peter: Don't be Surprised by Trials

1st Peter 4: 12, Beloved, don't be ***surprised*** at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

Surprised: xenizo in Greek
Strange, foreign, or unusual

John: Don't be Surprised by World's Hate

1st John 3:13, Do not be **surprised** brothers, that the world hates you.



Simple Surprise Application Summary

If we live for Jesus, people will be surprised by us

We shouldn't be surprised by hate and evil

Our generosity should be surprising to others

Trials + tribulations should be not surprising

The power and miracles of Jesus will be surprising

Evil people will be surprised by God's wrath

Non-Surrendered Surprise

Nazarene response to the surprise of Jesus.

They took offense and were filled with wrath.

We can't let our emotions dictate our response.

We must RAC the surprise

Recognize Accept Consider/Change

Surprise Emotional Responses

Fear of Faith?

God's control or ours?

Anger or Joy?

Free with change and wonder

Unbelief of Belief?

In God, in self, in others

Surrendered Surprise to Joy

1st Peter 4:13, but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on **rejoicing**; so that also at the revelation of His glory, you may **rejoice with exultation**.

We must have eternal lens + eternal emotions

Simple Surprise

Be flexible and adaptable to whatever surprises come.

Handle with faith, joy, and belief

RAC our emotions

See it through God's eyes

Proverbs 27:1, Do not boast about tomorrow, for each day brings its own surprises.