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Jerusalem AGHAST at yet another SHOCK REVELATION about JESUS OF NAZARETH!

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Jerusalem is once again reeling from another twist in the incredible tale of the city's most controversial figure: Jesus of Nazareth.

Not content with driving the people wild with his donkey-riding entrance into the city, nor with his dramatic 'booting out' of money lenders in the temple, nor even with apparently coming back to life after being crucified by the Romans, the radical rabbi from a backwater in Galilee has now reportedly 'risen up to Heaven to be with his Father', according to sources close to the preacher.

Peter, an uneducated fisherman from the same region as Jesus, was seen repeatedly glancing up into the sky and scratching his shaggy beard. When asked why, he and his friends all seemed so fixated on what was going on above them, witnesses say he merely said, 'Well, he's gone. When's he coming back then?'

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In The City can now *exclusively* reveal the real events which took place in the final moments of Jesus' time on this earth.

After making some tantalising public appearances over the weeks since rising from the dead (isn't it amazing how casually we talk about that now, even so soon afterwards?), the famous teacher urged his closest followers to meet him on a hilltop in Galilee.

This time, the so-called 'Messiah' actually walked to meet the group, rather than appearing through walls and locked doors, as has been his favourite trick recently. He strode to the top of the hill and apparently told his disciples to 'Go out to the world' and 'tell the people about God's love and forgiveness!'

For those of you who can't remember Jesus' 'plan to save the world', you can read about it in our popular blog 'Forgiveness for all: can Jesus really do it?'.

After some final words about his ragtag bunch of followers being confident in the fact that 'all authority in heaven and on earth' had been given to him, the mysterious and always unpredictable ex-carpenter rose up to heaven!

John, another close friend of the anti-gravity miracle worker, seemed very keen to tell everyone (myself included) to 'get ready for Jesus' return'! According to those who gathered on the mountaintop, Jesus will come back at some point in the future to judge the deeds and lives of everyone who has ever, or will ever, live!

'Follow him! He gives you *real* life!' claimed John. I guess we'll see about that!

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The World's Most Fascinating Man – Comprehension

Section A

1. Who wrote the blog?

2. What was Jesus' job before becoming a travelling preacher?

Section B

3. When was the article posted online?

4. What does the word 'AGHAST' mean in the title?

5. What does the phrase 'booting out' mean?

Section C

6. If you clicked on the word 'Recent' in the left-hand column, what would you expect to happen? Why?

7. The first sentence of the second page uses italics twice. Explain the two uses.

8. Do you think the phrase 'anti-gravity miracle worker' shows the author takes Jesus seriously or not? Why?

9. What is the writer's opinion of Jesus' followers? Find evidence for your answer.

10. Explain each of the four words at the bottom of the blog.

11. Which is your favourite description of Jesus in the blog? Why do you like it and what does it mean?

Section D

12. What is the effect of writing words in all capitals in the title? What do you think is the intended purpose of this?

13. What is a 'backwater'?

14. Find a phrase that shows something in the stories about Jesus which the writer believes really happened.

15. Find a phrase that shows the writer is unsure of something in the stories about Jesus.

The World's Most Fascinating Man – Challenge Activity

Section A

These words have been taken from the text. Match each word to the correct meaning.

<u>Word</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
1. revelation	a) relating to or affecting the fundamental nature of something
2. controversial	b) to change suddenly and therefore not able to be forecast
3. radical	c) a surprising and previously unknown fact
4. tantalising	d) the power or right to give orders and make decisions
5. unpredictable	e) torment or tease with the promise of something
6. authority	f) a lot of disagreement or argument about something

Section B

The word *aghast* is closest in meaning to...

	Tick one
repulsed	<input type="checkbox"/>
shocked	<input type="checkbox"/>
excited	<input type="checkbox"/>

The word *gossip* is closest in meaning to...

	Tick one
talk	<input type="checkbox"/>
perform	<input type="checkbox"/>
lie	<input type="checkbox"/>

The word *strode* is closest in meaning to...

	Tick one
skipped	<input type="checkbox"/>
jumped	<input type="checkbox"/>
stepped	<input type="checkbox"/>

The word *confident* is closest in meaning to...

	Tick one
proud	<input type="checkbox"/>
self-assured	<input type="checkbox"/>
refined	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Section C

Use a dictionary to help you write the meaning of each of these words.

<u>Word</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
dramatic	
region	
urged	
casually	
blog	
deeds	
claimed	

Section D

Choose a synonym and an antonym for the underlined word, which has been taken from the text:

Not content with driving the people

what was going on above them

why he and his friends all seemed

reveal the real events

actually walked to meet the group

seemed very keen to tell everyone

Synonym	Antonym