

The Real Story of Mary Jones and her Bible



TRINITARIAN BIBLE SOCIETY

2023 QUIZ

Senior Section

Suggested age range 12-16 years; parents and teachers, please feel free to assign whichever version of the quiz you think most appropriate for your children.

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This quiz is based on the TBS article 'The Real Story of Mary Jones and her Bible' by Mr G. Chewter. This can be found in the *Quarterly Record* Magazine no. 642 (www.tbsbibles.org/QR642)

1. The places below provide a significant backdrop to the account of Mary Jones. Can you write a short sentence about each.

WALES

LLANFIHANGEL-Y-PENNANT

CADER IDRIS

MERIONETH

TYN-Y-DDOL

ABERGYNOLWYN

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2. Why was it a struggle for survival for Mary and her parents, Molly and Jacob Jones? Indicate whether these statements are True or False.

Mary's parents were very well educated	True/False
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Molly and Jacob Jones were poor	True/False
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Molly Jones suffered from asthma	True/False
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Mary was born in 1784	True/False
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Mary's parents were illiterate	True/False
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Jacob Jones worked as farm labourer	True/False
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Mary was eight when her father died	True/False
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Jacob Jones worked long hours and suffered from asthma	True/False
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3. Which industry were Mary and her mother were engaged in?

4. Circle three great preachers who knew much blessing in the Welsh revival before Mary was born.

DANIEL ROWLAND

WILLIAM GADSBY

CHARLES WESLEY

WILLIAM WILLIAMS

GEORGE WHITFIELD

CHARLES SPURGEON

HOWELL HARRIS

5. When Mary was a girl, a younger generation of men had been called to preach the Word. Unjumble their Christian names to discover who they were?

..... ELIAS
(HNJO)

..... NEWTON
(NOJH)

..... EVANS
(TMSRICAHS)

..... CHARLES
(MSHTAO)

6. Write a paragraph describing the Reverend Thomas Charles of Bala, including the words below.

OXFORD

BALA

PREACHING TOURS

CROWD

CHAPEL

WISDOM

HEIGHT

THOUGHT

CIRCULATING SCHOOLS

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

READ

WRITE

MEMORY

BIBLE

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7. Just before Mary's tenth birthday, one of Charles Thomas's schools was set up in Abergynolwyn.

What were the names of two of Mary's teachers?

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8. What was Mary's great desire as she read the Word of God?

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9. Explain how a local farmer's wife, Mrs Evans was very kind to Mary?

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10. Mary resolved to work hard and save up to buy a Bible of her own.
How much did she have to save:

..... in shillings and pence

..... in today's money

11. What three activities did Mary undertake on a regular basis to earn the money she needed?

a)

b)

c)

12. How long did it take Mary to save up enough money for her Bible?

13. One stormy Monday morning, Mary met a stranger whilst walking to Mrs Evans' farmhouse. This man was the Reverend Thomas Charles of Bala. Put into your own words the conversation that took place.

Thomas Charles asked

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Mary replied

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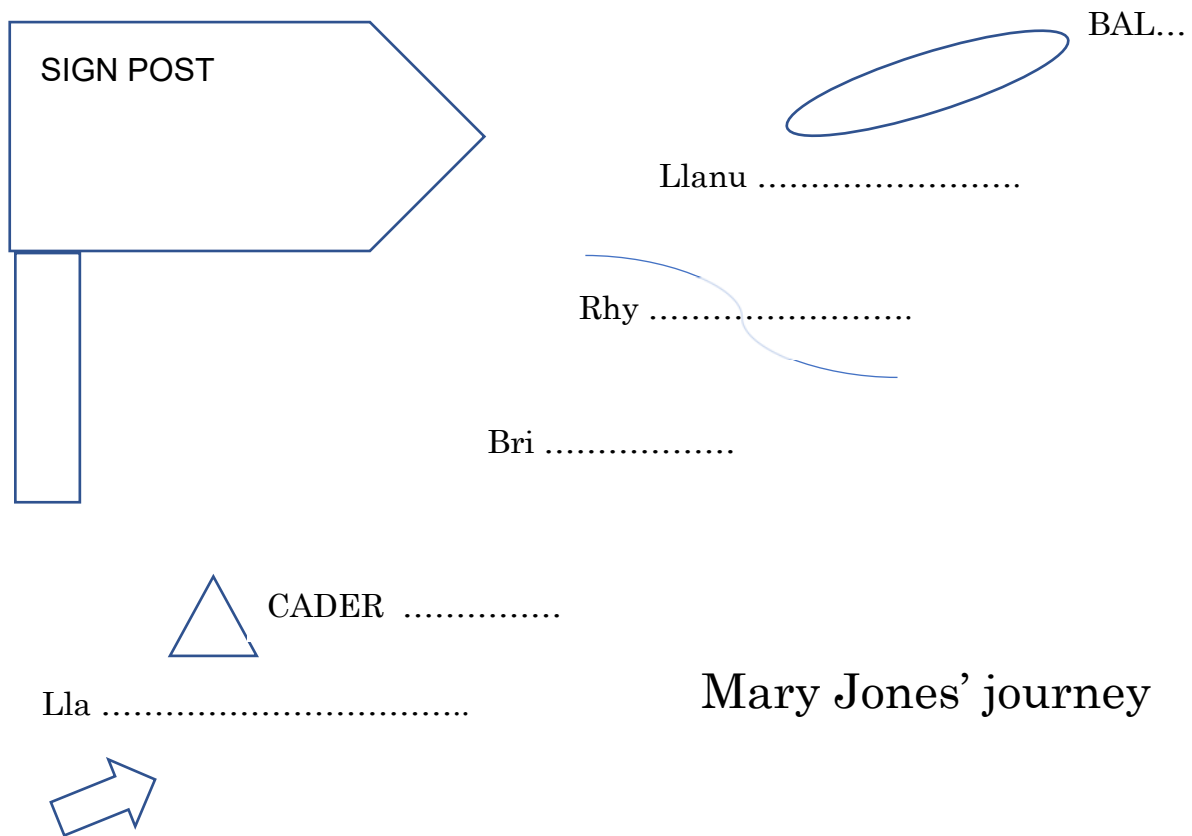
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Thomas Charles responded

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14. Mary was now approaching her 16th birthday and she decided to set out on her 26 mile journey to Bala. Please follow the instructions to complete the map below to show her journey.



- Mark Mary's starting point in her own village of Llanfihangel and plot her journey in red dots to Bala, which is a diagonal line across the map, over Cadir Idris, and passing by Brithdir, Rhydymain, Llanuwchllyn and the right-hand side of the lake.
- Colour in Lake Bala in blue
- Colour the triangle indicating the location of Cader Idris in green
- In her own account of her journey, she writes that she rested by a stream of clear water to eat her bread and cheese. Draw the food she ate at the place where her path crossed the stream near Rhydymain.
- Fill in the signpost to indicate the length of her journey for your map.

15. Complete Mary’s account of her arrival at the Reverend Charles’ house and what happened when he told her the Bibles had not arrived.

‘I started to cry
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16. It was becoming clear that there was a great demand for Bibles in the Welsh language and after much discussion, a new organisation was formed. What was it called?

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17. In 1813 Mary married Thomas Jones at St. Mary’s Church, Talyllyn. They were blessed with six children, but sadly only one lived to adulthood. Can you name them?

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In 1849 Mary’s husband, Thomas, died also.

18. In her latter years, Mary gradually went blind and was unable to read her beloved Bible. What was the name of the girl who read to her in her old age?

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19. When Mary Jones died in 1864 two inscriptions marked her remarkable journey and the subsequent formation of the new Society. Where are these two inscriptions?

a)

b)

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20. After the death of the Reverend Thomas Charles in 1814, some changes took place in the British and Foreign Bible Society, where some people did not believe in the doctrine of the Trinity. Those who were denying the Trinity were also denying that Jesus was the true Son of God. As a result, a special meeting was arranged in London and a decision was made to begin a new organisation. What was the name of this new Society?

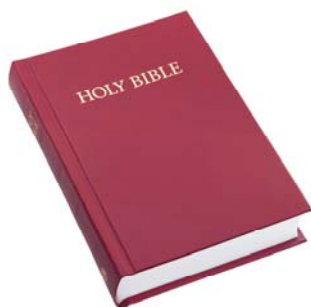
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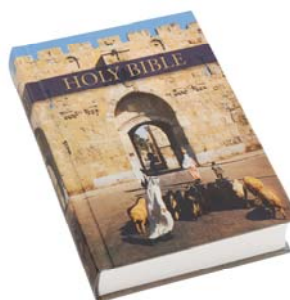
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