Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I invite you to meditate on Scripture with me. But before we go further, I ask you to reflect on this short mystery for a moment. Whether or not you find the answer, continue reading, as I will provide the explanation later.

The mystery is this:

“David shaves hundreds of times a week, yet his beard still grows thick. Can you explain why?”

Reflect on this, and I will give you the answer later.

The purpose of presenting it this way is to highlight that the Bible is a book full of mysteries. Sometimes, the answers seem simple—but only when we allow the One who authored it, God Himself, to reveal them to us. When we fail to find the correct answer, we often refuse to admit our lack of understanding. This can lead us to misunderstand Scripture or create interpretations that are inaccurate, merely to appear knowledgeable.

Everyone knows the Bible is full of mysteries. Among these is the divine nature of God. For example, Scripture declares God is ONE,

yet we see that Jesus is God, and the Holy Spirit is God—how can this be if God is one?

When we cannot answer questions like this, we often simplify the answer: God is one, yet divided into three independent persons. But these simplified answers raise more questions, even for those outside Christianity. This is because we avoid the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who teaches us how Christ is God and how the Holy Spirit is God—the same God, not a separate being.

A Biblical Example of Revelation
Another source of confusion is Matthew 16:13–19:

> *13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”*
> *14 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”*
> *15 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”*
> *16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”*
> *17 Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.”*

> *18 “And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”*
> *19 “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”*

Many, especially in the Catholic Church, interpret “this rock” as Peter himself, suggesting that the Church is built on Peter and he was the first Pope. However, the reality is that Jesus was speaking about the revelation given to Peter—that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God—not Peter himself. That revelation is the foundation on which the Church is built.

Peter was not a Pope. He married (Popes do not marry), never worshiped idols, nor prayed to Mary. Yet Popes often do these things. Peter even denied Christ, but the Church can never deny Christ. The gospel to the Gentiles was brought more through Paul than Peter. If the Church were built on human leadership, Paul might be the rightful “builder,” not Peter. Thus, we need the Holy Spirit’s guidance to correctly understand Scripture.

> *1 Corinthians 2:10–11:*
> *“But God has revealed them to us by His Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man’s spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.”*

Without the Spirit’s revelation of Jesus in our lives, we cannot stand against Satan. Seeing Christ merely as a provider of material blessings or problem-solver makes us spiritually poor, no matter our earthly wealth. True understanding comes from knowing Christ as our Savior who redeems, sanctifies, and grants eternal life.

The Mystery of David’s Beard
Returning to our earlier question: “David shaves hundreds of times a week, yet his beard still grows thick. Why?”

The answer: David is a barber! He shaves the heads of many people daily; it has nothing to do with his own beard. Did you think it was David’s beard being shaved hundreds of times? If so, that is incorrect. Similarly, much of the Bible contains such mysteries. What you read may seem self-explanatory, but the

true interpretation often differs. Understanding Jesus Christ cannot rely solely on Scripture without the Holy Spirit, because Scripture alone can mislead if not Spirit-led.

> *2 Corinthians 3:6:*
> *“He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.”*

May the Lord help us all to understand Him fully as He desires.

If you have not yet given your life to Christ, the door is open now—but it will not remain open forever. The final trumpet is near, and Christ will take His redeemed people by His blood. Are you sure you are among them? Are you ready to meet the Lord? The decision is yours.

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