**The Protestant Reformation**

**Date:** 1517 AD

* Pronounced “Prot-uh-stent Ref-er-may-shun”.

* Martin Luther (a Catholic monk) wanted the Catholic Church to fix some things it was doing. When the Church didn’t immediately change, Luther broke away and started his own church.

* Now there were 3 main kinds of Christians (Paul Blart, Mall C.O.P): Catholics, Orthodox, and Protestants.

* Today there are **THOUSANDS** of different Protestant denominations (churches).
In 1517 Martin Luther reportedly nailed his “95 Theses” to the door of a church in Wittenberg, Germany.

The 95 Theses were 95 things that Luther thought the Catholic Church was doing wrong and needed to fix.

Instead of staying in the Catholic Church and fixing it from the inside, Luther (and others) left the Catholic Church and started their own Christian denominations.

“The reformer is always right about what is wrong, though he is generally wrong about what is right.”

- G.K. Chesterton
There are 3 main kinds of Christians:

- **C**  
  Catholic  
  Church started AD 30

- **O**  
  Orthodox  
  Church started AD 1054

- **P**  
  Protestant  
  Started sometime after AD 1517  
  *(THOUSANDS of denominations today)*
Names of some Protestant churches (denominations)

- Lutheran - 1517
- Anglican/Episcopalian - 1534
- Presbyterian - 1560
- Baptist - 1609
- Methodist - 1739
- Assemblies of God - 1914

Some estimates say over 33,000 more Protestant denominations

1517 AD
Christian churches in the Twin Cities
Another way of looking at it:
YOU CAN’T SPELL CHRISTIAN WITHOUT ___

1) All Christians have way more __________ than __________.

2) While we should try and __________ the differences and strive to be _1_ big family again, we shouldn’t let them keep us ___._

3) All Christians believe __________, the __________, __________, loving our __________, and taking care of the __________ and vulnerable are super __________, so Catholics, Orthodox, and Protestants should be willing to __________, __________, and enjoy __________ with one another (this is called __________).
Mohawk Indian Reservation
(Upstate New York)

Maquoketa, Iowa
What are some of the differences between Catholics and Protestants?

1) Protestants don’t see the pope as God’s #1 leader on earth.

2) Most Protestants don’t believe Jesus is fully (body, blood, soul, and divinity) present in the Eucharist.

3) Most Protestants don’t ask Mary or any other saints to pray for them.

4) Most Protestants don’t believe in purgatory (the process of being completely cleaned of one’s own sins before entering Heaven).

5) Protestants believe in sola scriptura, which translated means “only by scripture” and in practice means, “The Bible is the only thing a Christian needs in order to know the Christian faith”.

What are some of the differences between Catholics and Protestants?

6) A Sunday morning Protestant church service isn’t called a Mass (it’s usually called “________” or a “________”).

7) A Protestant worship service isn’t structured like a Mass either (specific Bible readings the first half, Holy Communion the second half). The main focus of a Protestant service is usually a lengthy ______ or message (called a “homily” by Catholics) given by a ______ that is based on a portion of the ______ that they chose to speak about. Before and after the sermon there is usually some ______ and ______ music and occasionally some form of ______.
Commercial for a Protestant church:
"There are not more than 100 people in the world who truly hate the Catholic Church,
but there are millions who hate what they perceive to be the Catholic Church."

-FULTON SHEEN
How in the world does this happen?!??!

1 CHURCH
C. 30 - 1054 AD

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+ 1 CHURCH
1054 - 1517 AD

1 CHURCH
C. 30 - 1054 AD

+ 1 CHURCH
1054 - 1517 AD

+ THOUSANDS OF CHURCHES!
1517 - TODAY AD
Why the “All I need is the Bible” belief doesn’t work:
(Sola Scriptura)

I never said you stole money.
Imagine this was a verse in the Bible...

“I never said you stole money.”

“I never said you stole money.”

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Someone else said it!
Imagine this was a verse in the Bible...

“I never said you stole money.”

“I never said you stole money.”

“I never said you stole money.”

Don’t blame me! I never said you stole money (though I may have Tweeted it, e-mailed it, or hinted at it!).
Imagine this was a verse in the Bible...

“I never said you stole money.”

“I never said you stole money.”

“I never said you stole money.”

“I never said you stole money.”

“\[\text{you}\] stole money.”

\[=\]

“I said someone else stole the money, not you!”
Imagine this was a verse in the Bible...

“I never said you stole money.”

“I never said you stole money.”

“I never said you stole money.”

“I never said you stole money.”

“I never said you stole money.”

“I never said you stole money.”

= I said you borrowed the money. :)
Imagine this was a verse in the Bible...

“I never said you stole money.”

“I never said you stole money.”

“I never said you *said* you stole money.”

“I never said you *you* stole money.”

“I never said you stole *stole* money.”

“I never said you stole money.”

= I said you stole *cookies*, not money!
Here's where the problem with sola scripture lies:

The Bible contains over **30,000** verses. If each verse can be interpreted differently and every person in the world interprets the Bible however they want to, than there could technically end up being as many Christian **churches** in the world as there are **Christians**.

Remember this?

**Judgment Day**
May 21, 2011
THE BIBLE GUARANTEES IT
2012
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DAYS LEFT
To prevent the chaos caused by everyone trying to figure out the United States Constitution on their own, we have the **Supreme Court**. These appointed leaders help **interpret** the Constitution according to the intentions of the original authors (the **Founding Fathers**).
To prevent the chaos caused by sola scriptura, God gave us the **Magisterium** (the pope and the bishops). These appointed leaders, guided by the **Holy Spirit**, help correctly interpret the Bible according to the intentions of the original author (**God**).