

Locusts and Birthdays



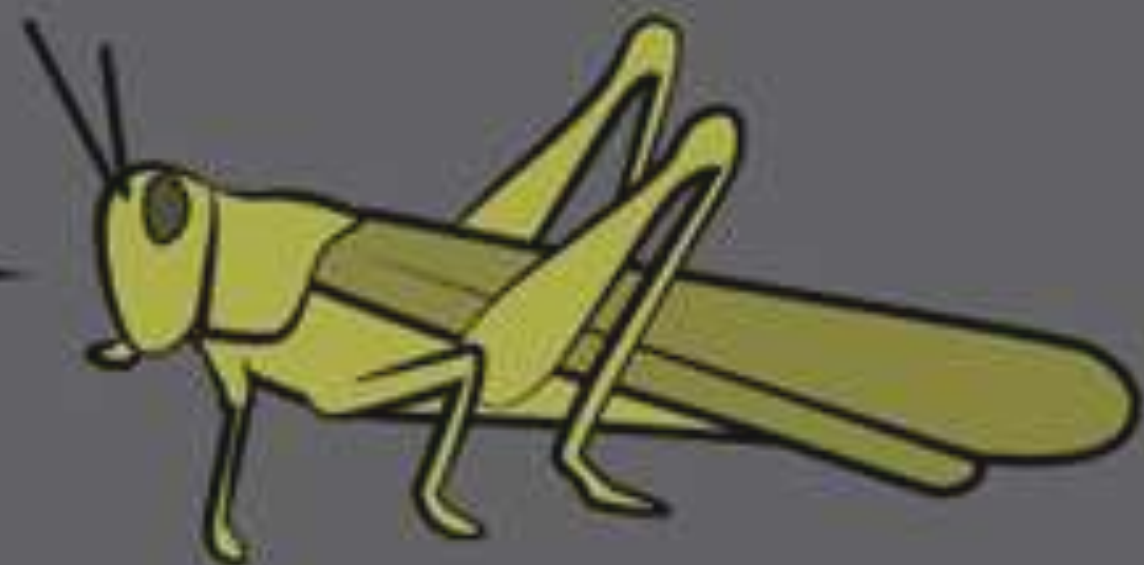
Our diet must include locusts!

- **Leviticus 11:22**
- **Not just in the OT: Matthew 3:4**
- **While John was a bit different, note Jesus' view of him: Matthew 11:11**
- **Luke 7:28.**
- **Putting it all together:**
 1. **In the OT, God repeats the importance of eating locusts.**
 2. **In the NT, John the Baptists ate locusts.**
 3. **Jesus had a super high view of John, thus validating his diet.**

The Bible says we should
only eat locusts.

Eat me!

Try me with a lil honey



Beware of Birthdays

- **The word “birthday” is used twice in Scripture:**
- **Genesis 40:20-23**
- **Mark 6:21-28**
- **The only logical conclusion is that we are to fear for our lives when attending birthday parties!**



What does this teach us?

- **We can make the Bible “say” anything we want.**
- **As long as we’re not concerned with what it actually says, we can twist it to fit our agenda.**
- **This is nothing new. 2 Peter 3:15, 16**

- **These two examples are so extreme and ridiculous that they are humorous.**
- **What’s not nearly as funny is that some study this way.**
- **Psalm 119:159, 160**

Twisting the Scriptures

- **If you want to believe something, you can go to the Bible to justify it.**
- **If you want to believe hell is not real, you can make that claim and “back it up” with Scripture.**
- **If you want to believe homosexuality is not a big deal, you can distort the Bible to “agree” with you.**
- **If you want to believe faith alone saves you, you can rip passages from their context to “take your side.”**
 - **Ephesians 2:8; James 2:24**

Bringing it Home

- **When we study, do we study to discover the truth of God's word or to confirm a bias we have?**
- **Do we draw our conclusions from the text or do we go find the verse that already agrees with us?**
- **Acts 17:10, 11**
- **1 Kings 22:7, 8**
- **As best we can, we must remove our preconceived ideas when studying God's word.**
- **Study with a love for truth. John 4:42**