

# Acts 1 - 7 Crossword Puzzles

The *New International Version* of Acts was used in the preparation of these puzzles because it is the most readily available version in English. Our readers may prefer other versions — and there are more than 300 — but the NIV was used because of its popularity.

The NIV is currently circulated in two flavors: the version of 1986 and that of 2011. These puzzles have been checked with the text of both versions.

The package contains the pure crossword puzzle for each chapter plus a modified version with a wordbank at the bottom containing all of the words and a copy of the answers for each page.

If the pure puzzle seems too difficult for the players, then the wordbank version can be substituted, although the educational value is diminished. The teacher can have access to the answers if that is needed.

These puzzles can be used in a class to liven up participation. Because of limited time in a class setting, the wordbank version may be more useful. The puzzles are also useful in a setting where a game would be played. And of course, puzzle enthusiasts don't need any special setting because they love the challenge.

Each puzzle is based on educational objectives that could be expressed in a single sentence.

## Background of Acts

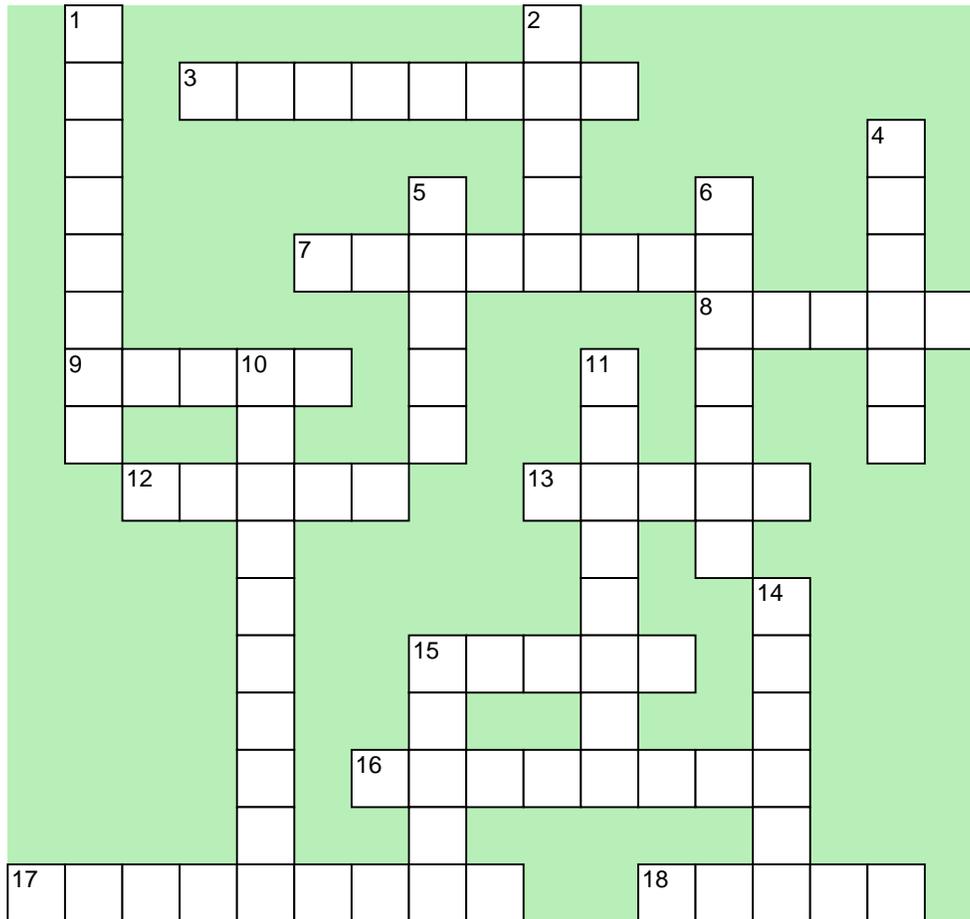
The book is the second book written by Luke, a much loved physician who traveled with the Apostle Paul. Luke wrote to a Greek-speaking official who worked for the Roman government.

Luke finalized his writing while in Rome being a companion to Paul, who was under house arrest. It was during this time that the Message of the Risen Savior reached deep in to the Roman government. This was about 30 years after the church began on Pentecost in Acts, chapter two.

The early chapters of the book were researched by Luke, but he participated in many of the events he writes about beginning with chapter 16. The first 12 chapters focus on the work of Peter and the chapters beginning with 13 focus on the work of Paul.

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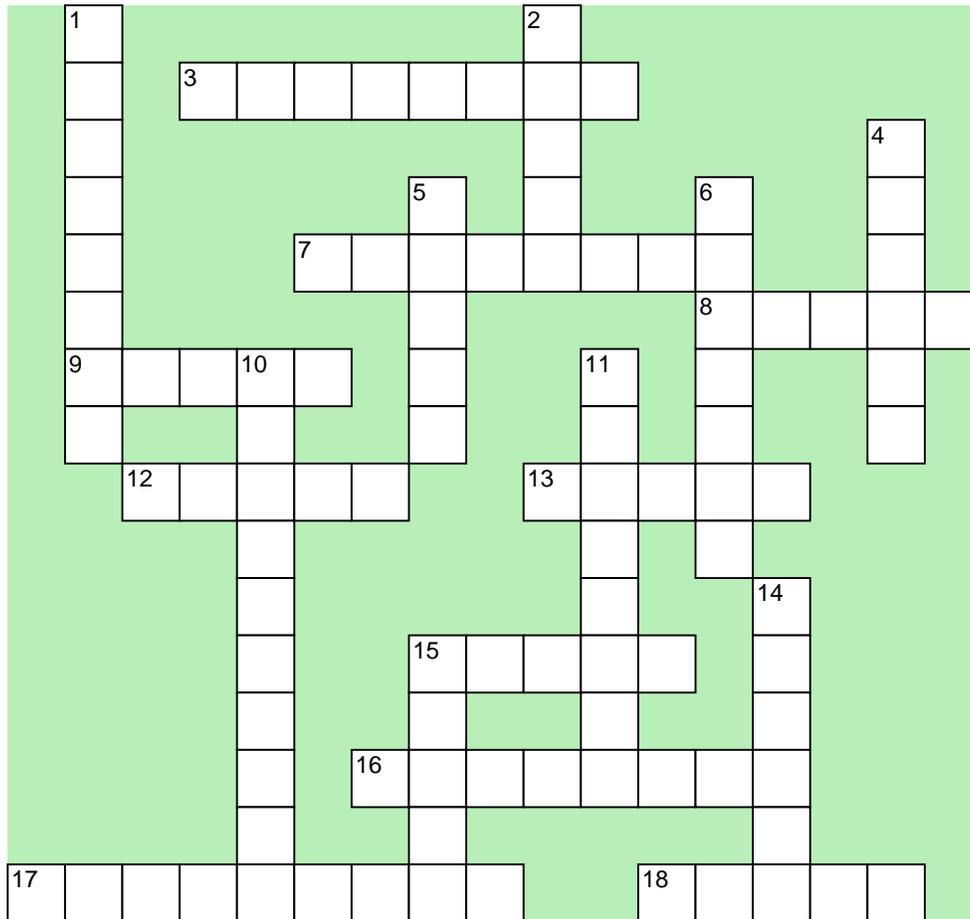
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**WORD BANK:** Akeldama, apostles, brothers, david, earth, field, forty, galilee, jerusalem, leave, matthias, ministry, olives, peter, power, prayer, theophilus, water, white.

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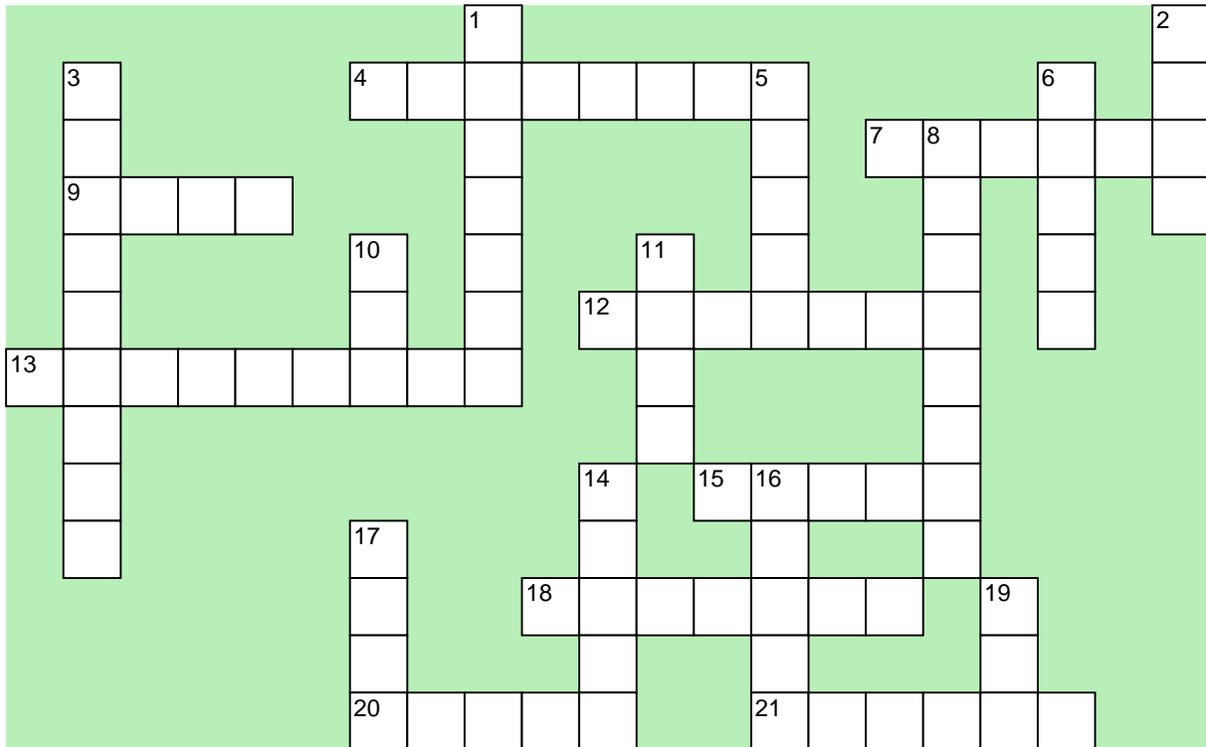
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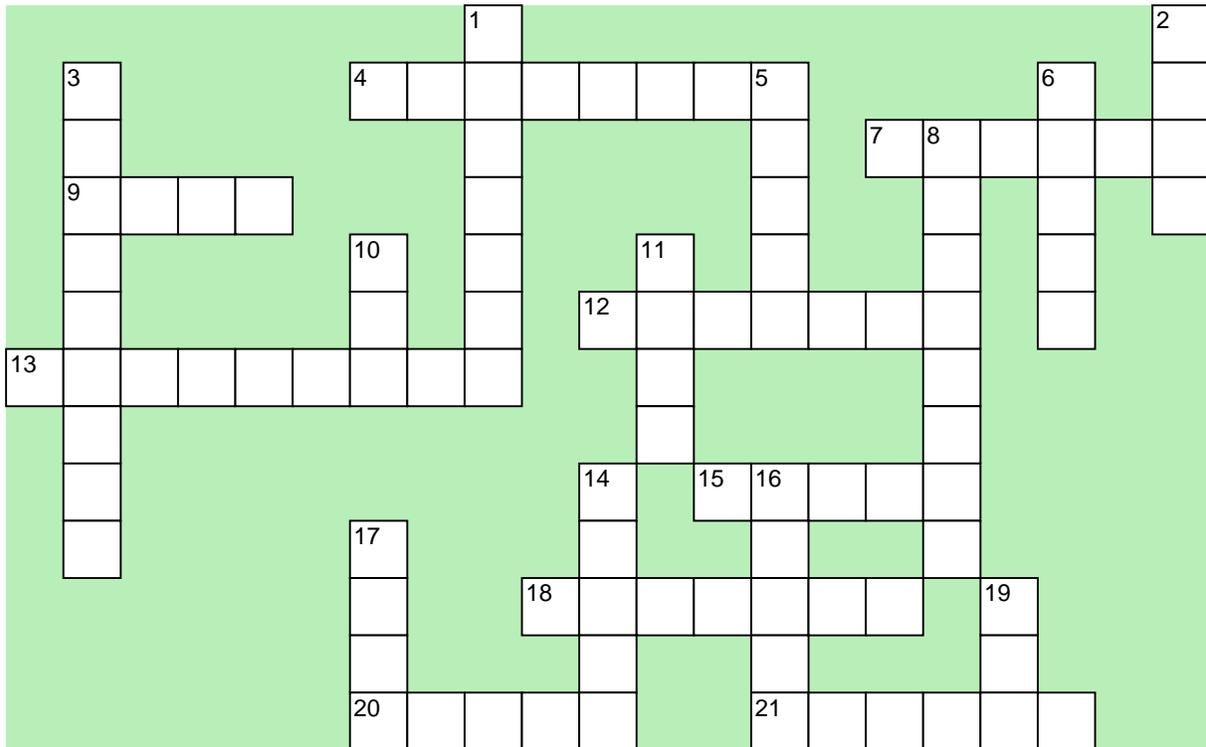
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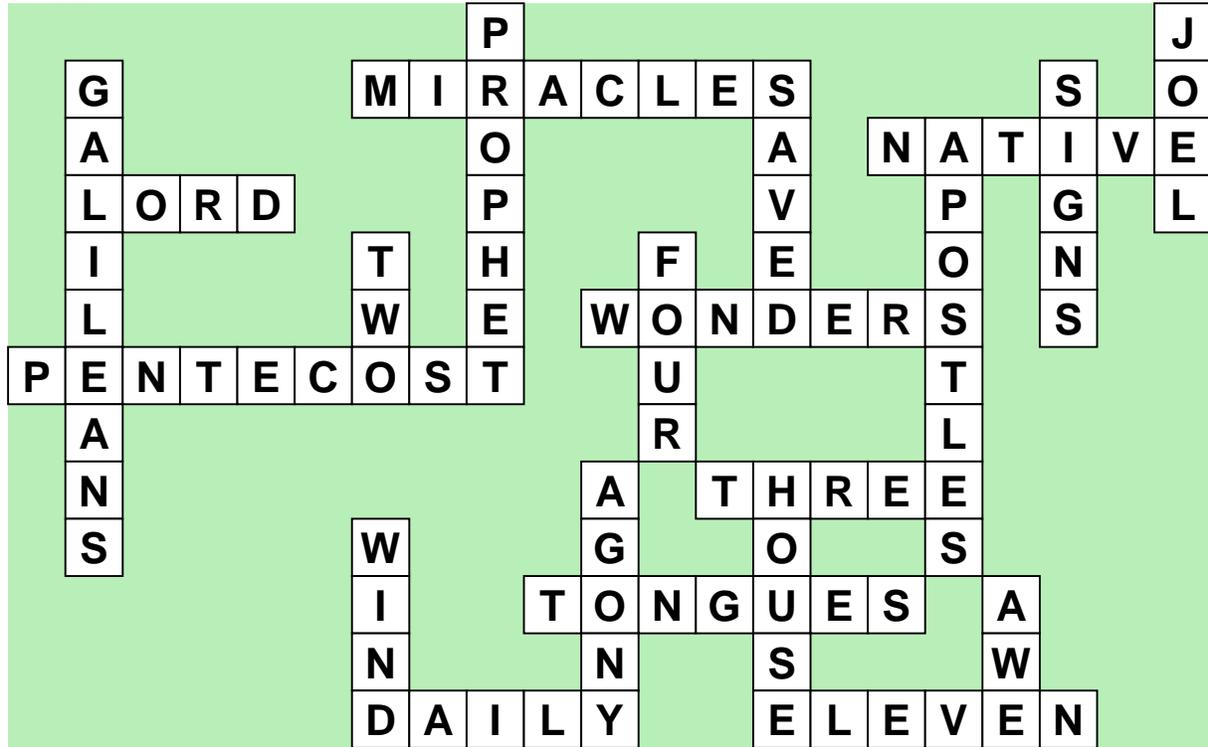
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**WORD BANK:** Agony, apostles, awe, daily, eleven, four, galileans, house, joel, lord, miracles, native, pentecost, prophet, saved, signs, three, tongues, two, wind, wonders.

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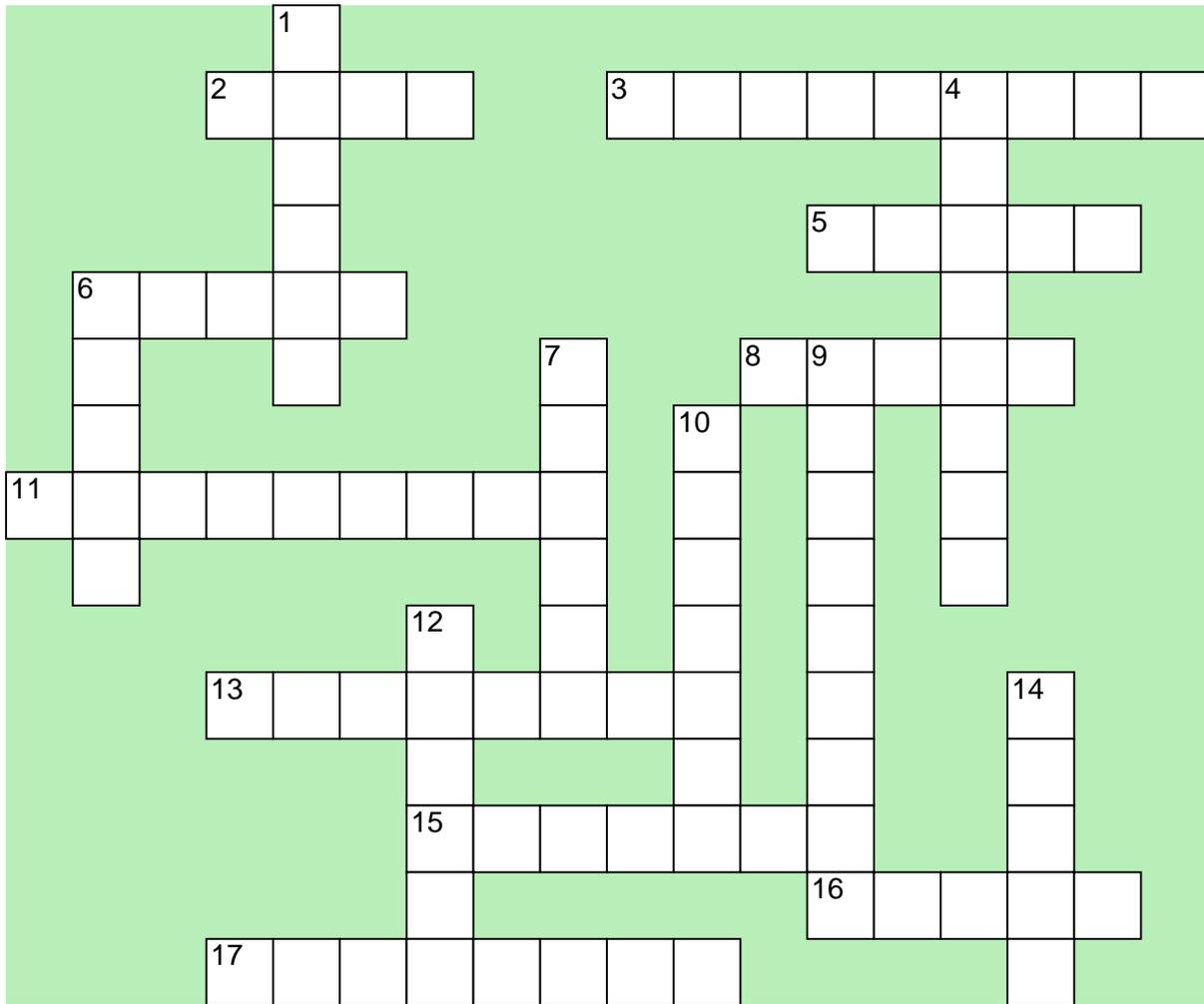
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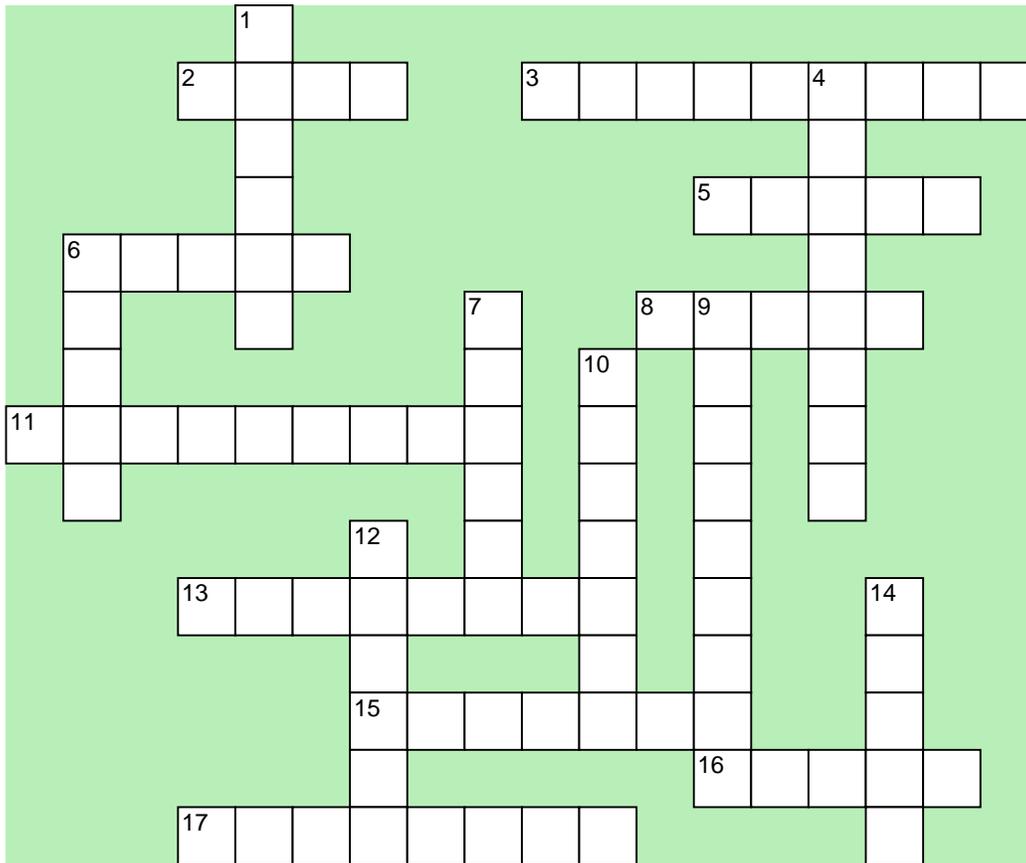
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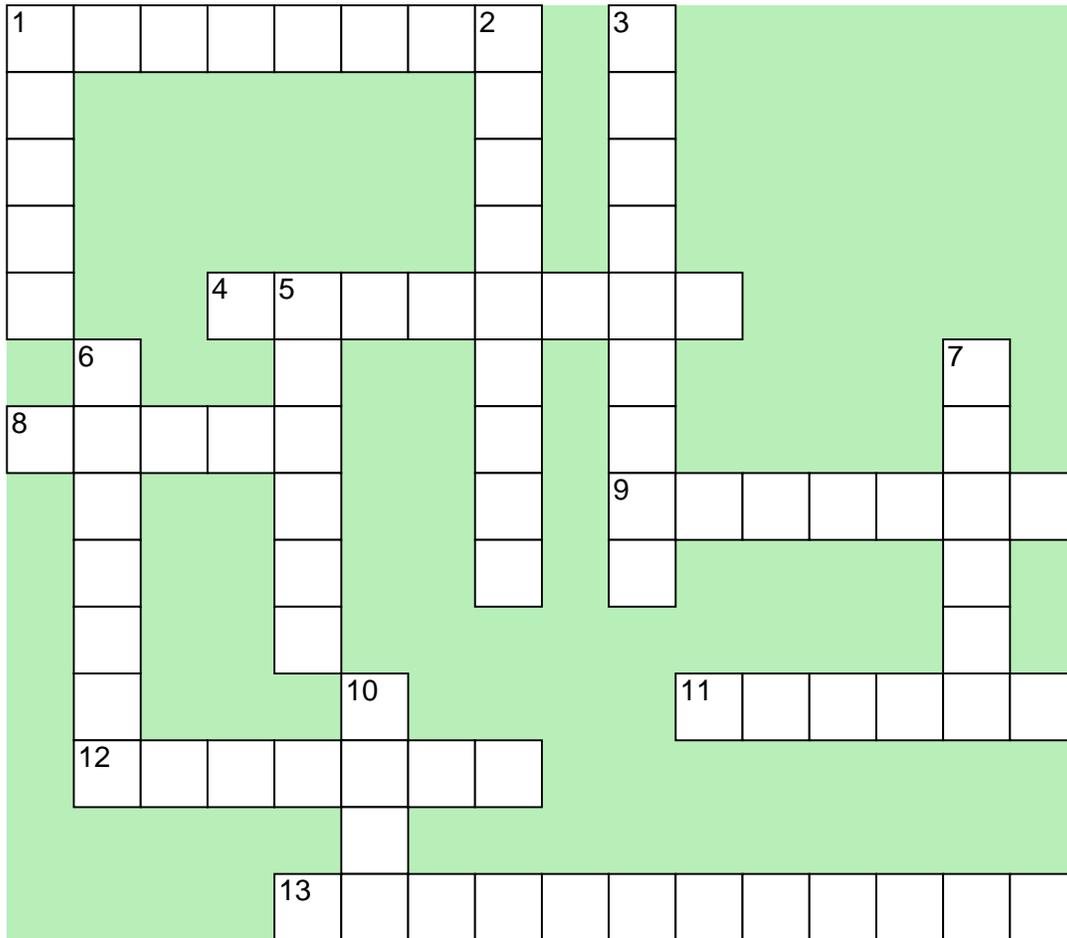
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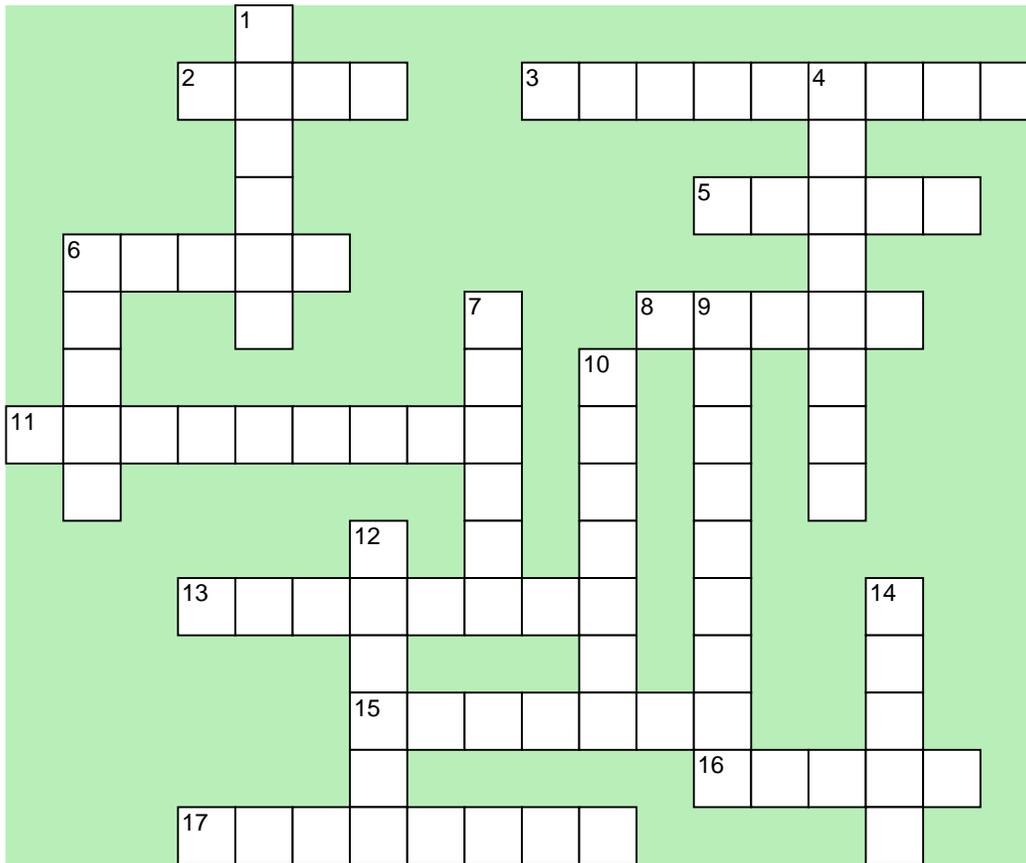
- 1 Continued to testify of the resurrection.
- 4 The emerging new name for Joseph.
- 8 The healed man was more than \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 Peter and John had performed a \_\_\_\_\_ sign.
- 11 The Council could not decide how to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12 The preachers were arrested in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13 The central message of the Apostles.

## DOWN

- 1 The High Priest.
- 2 Is found in no one else.
- 3 The message was \_\_\_\_\_ among the people.
- 5 The Council said the preachers could not speak to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 The Jewish leaders were astonished by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Peter and John.
- 7 A part of the opposition group meeting in Jerusalem.
- 10 The number of male believers grew to about \_\_\_\_\_ thousand.

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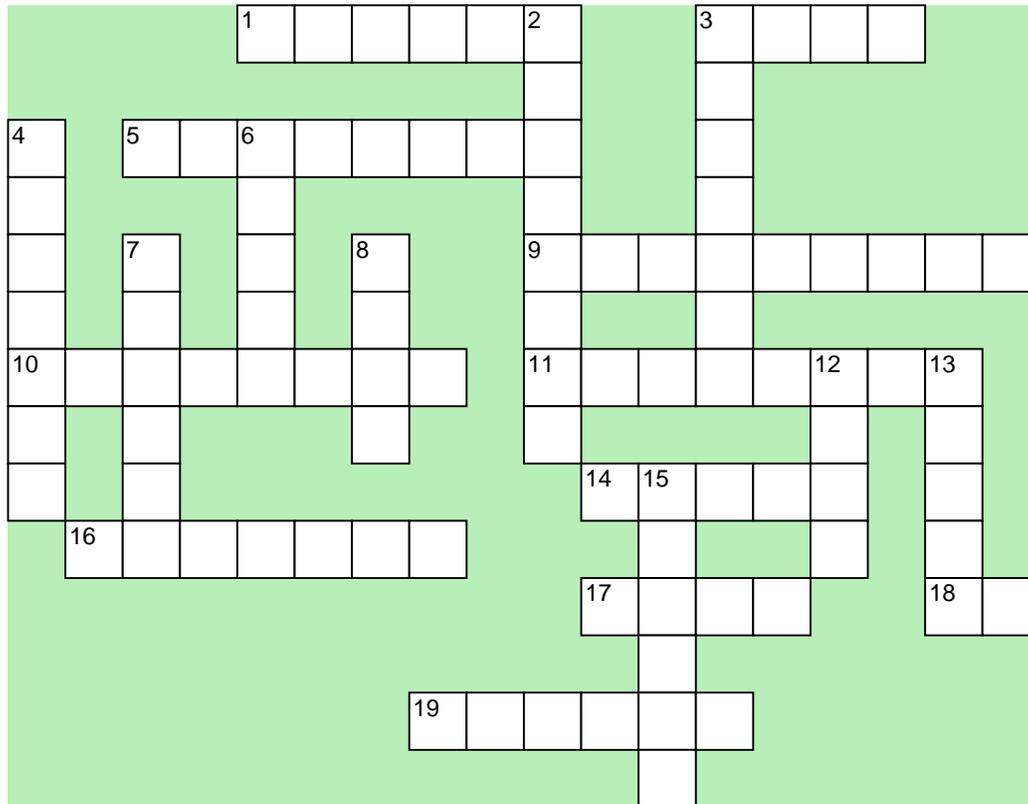
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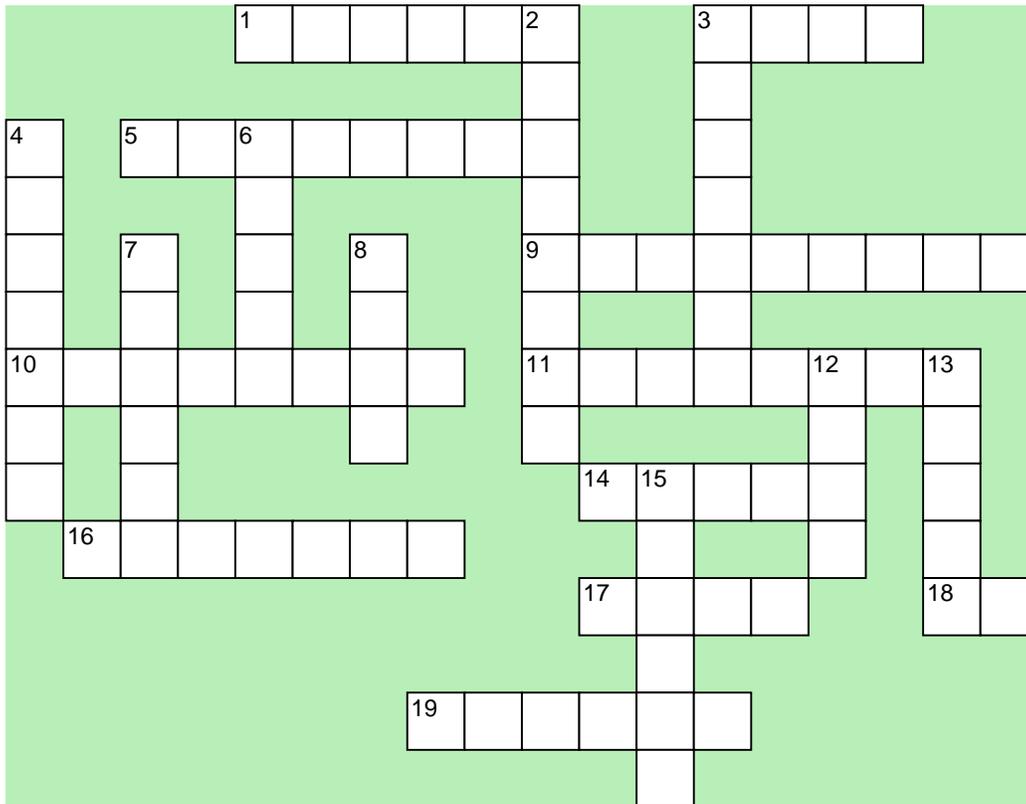
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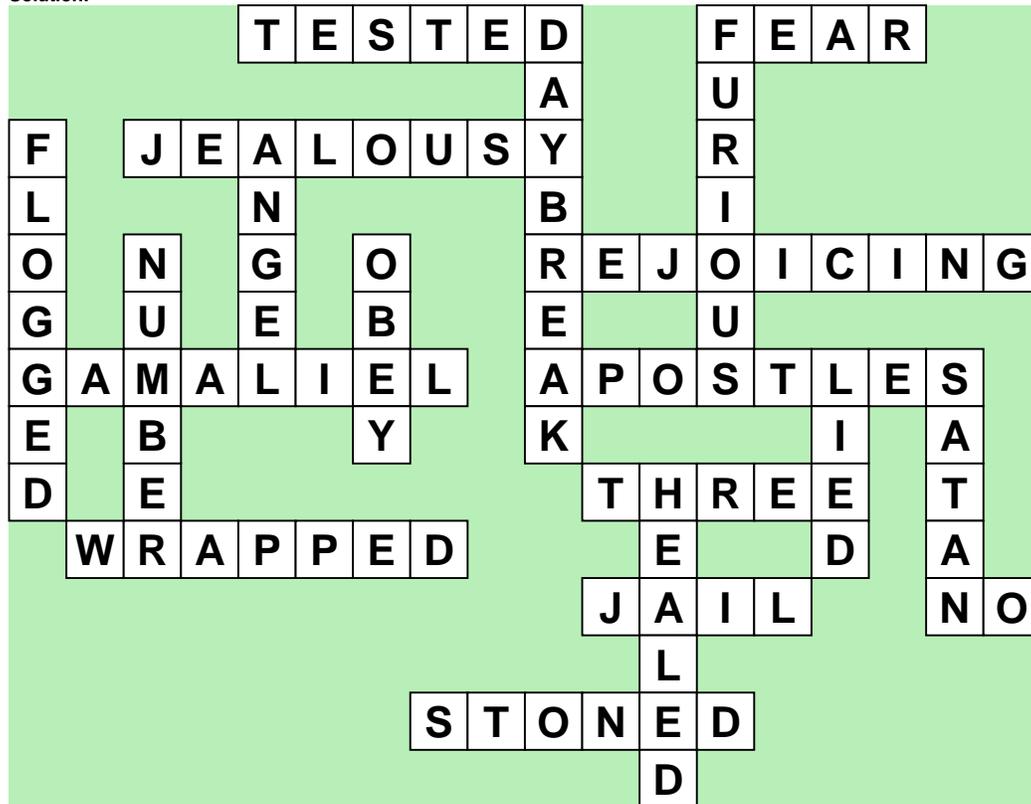
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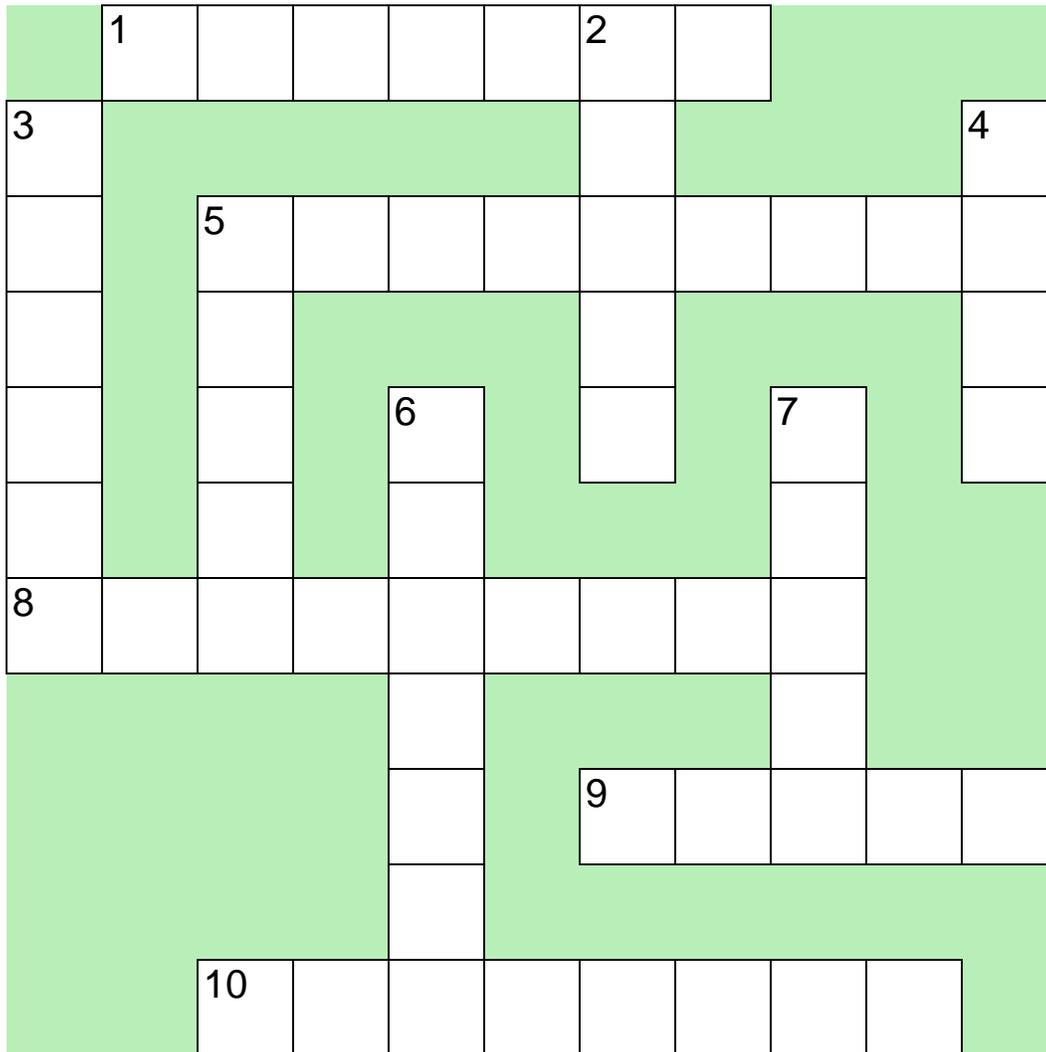
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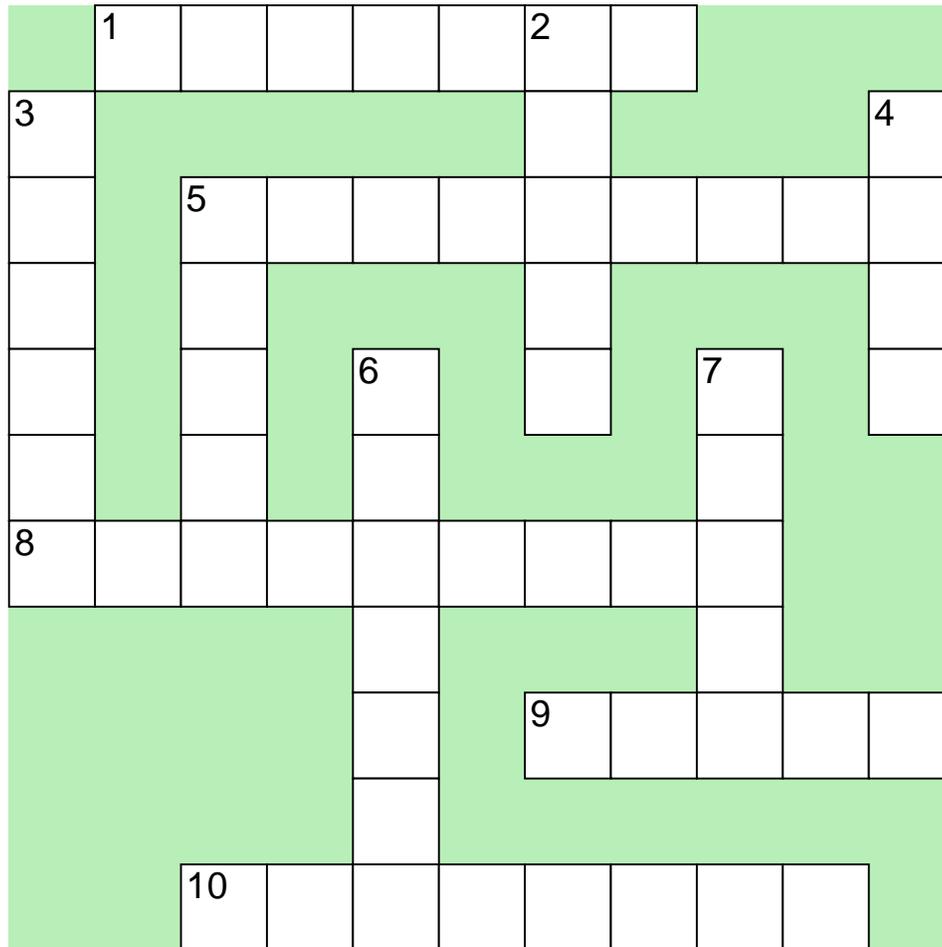
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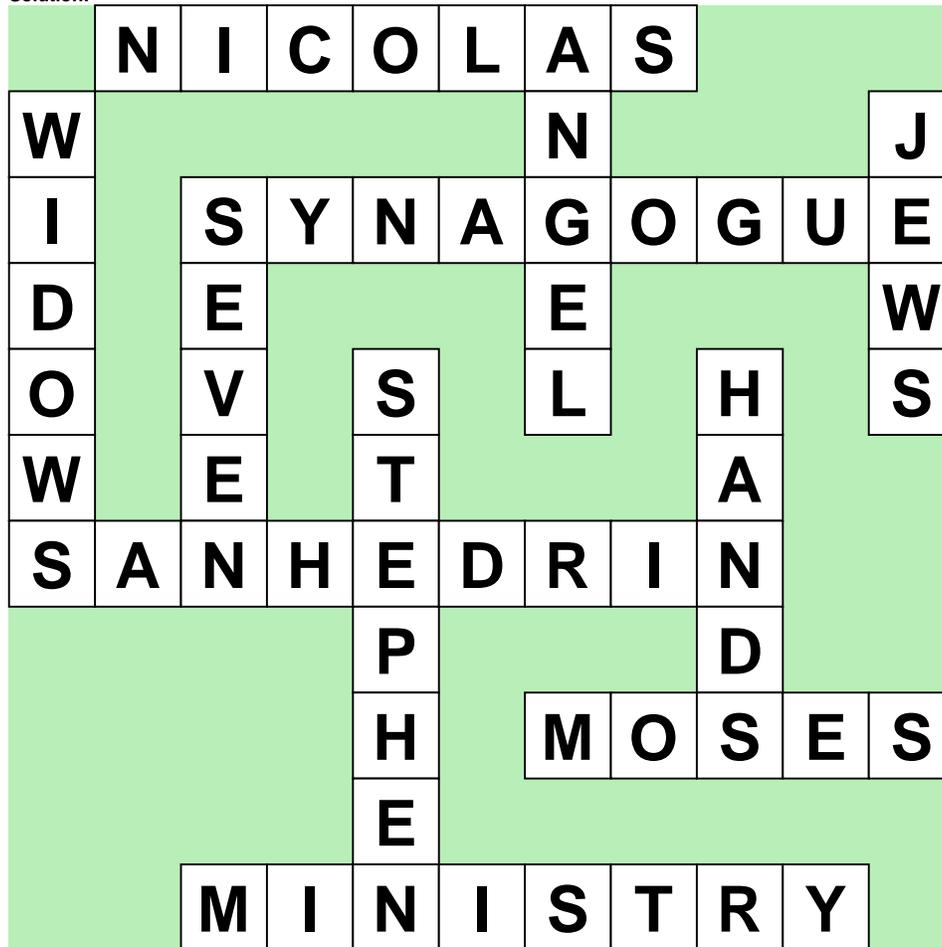
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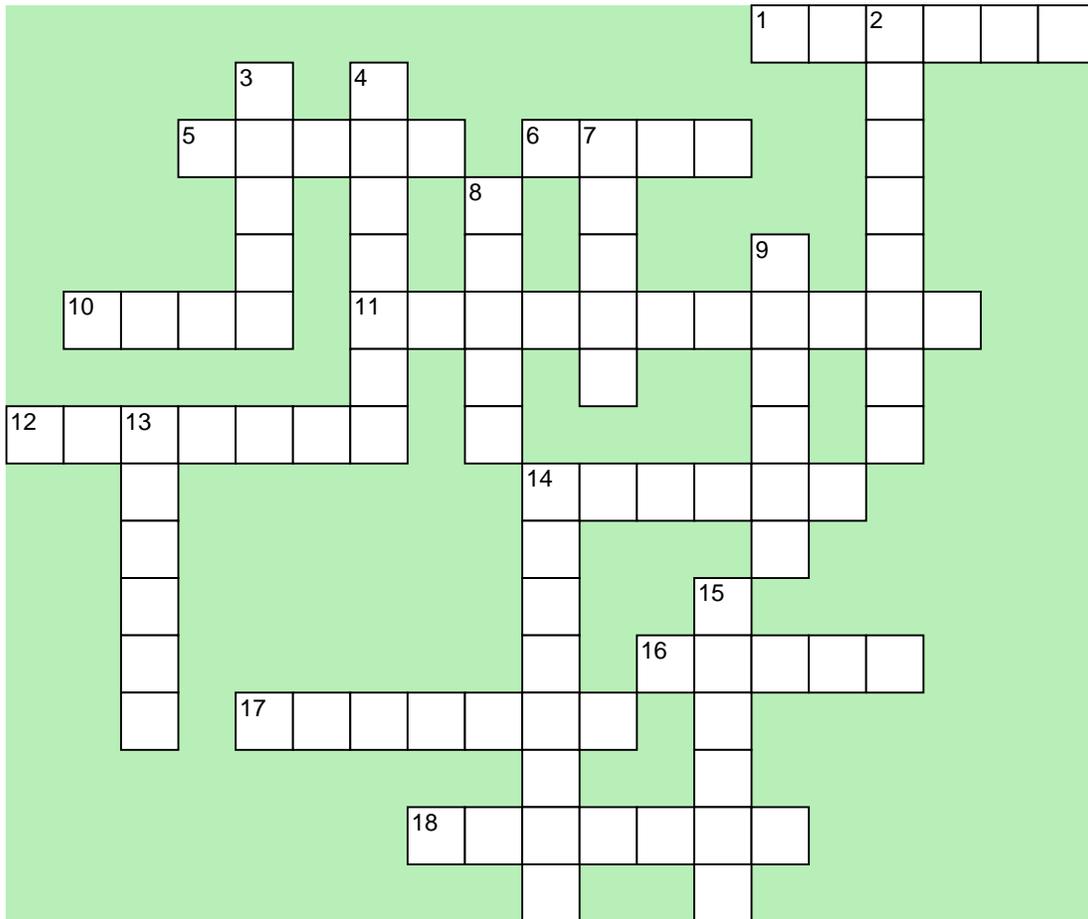
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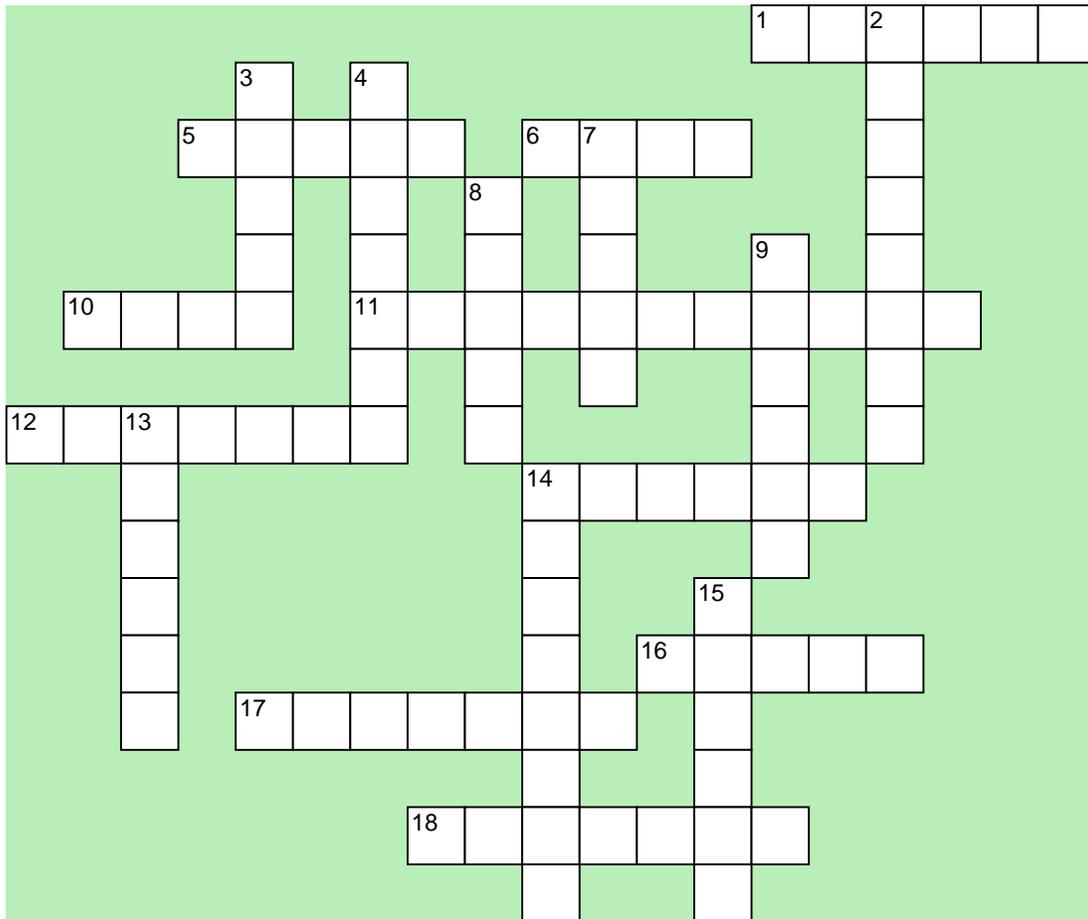
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