BASILISKS

The basilisk is a very strange looking lizard that appears to have the head of a rooster and the body of a snake. When it is frightened, it raises itself up on its hind legs and runs long distances using its tail for balance.

But the most amazing thing about the basilisk is its unusual ability to run on water. Its big feet and light body carry it on top of the water as far as it can run. When the lizard slows down, it begins to sink. It can run as far as a quarter of a mile on top of the water.

Can you guess why it has earned the nickname Jesus Christ Lizard?

