

Resurrection Sunday

HE HAS RISEN

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10 Things About Easter You May Not Know

1. The Easter Bunny legend was originated in Germany hundreds of years ago. The hare was said to be the symbol of the Pagan Goddess of Spring and Fertility.
2. Christ's resurrection was prophesied all the way back in the Old Testament Scriptures - Ps. 6:10
3. On Good Friday, which sees the start of the Easter weekend, it is illegal to dance in public in the majority of states in Germany. Even the clubbing capital, Berlin, becomes a dance-free zone out of respect for the religious day.
4. The risen Christ appeared to more than five hundred witnesses. 1 Cor. 15:5-8
5. Americans spend \$1.9 billion on Easter candy. That is the second biggest candy holiday after Halloween.
6. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, the gospel message is pointless, empty, and dishonest. Jesus Christ would not be alive, interceding for us, and we would not be able to place our hope in a glorious future with Him. The Resurrection is central to the gospel.
7. Wearing new clothes on Easter started as a superstition in New York that you would have good luck the rest of the year.
8. Our dead, physical body will one day be resurrected. 1 Cor. 15:42
9. Good Friday is recognized as a holiday in only 12 states.
10. Within a generation, the disciples had spread the message of Jesus's resurrection throughout the known world.

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Food for Thought: The Resurrection gives your life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what the circumstances. ~ Robert Flatt

The 12 Disciples of Jesus Christ – Andrew by Alywin Mitchell

We have been looking at the 12 disciples or apostles. We began with Peter, then James, John and now we are going to look at Andrew. Andrew was the older brother of Peter, a fisherman, a disciple of John the Baptist, and the first disciple called to follow Jesus Christ (namely the Protocletus, or the first called). Andrew was born between 5 and 10 A.D. In Bethsaida, in Galilee. The first striking characteristic of Andrew is his name: it is not Hebrew, as you might expect! But Greek, it means “manly.”



Andrew is only mentioned 12 times in the New Testament and four of those times are simply lists of the 12 apostles. The gospel texts offer no information on how old Andrew was when he became one of Jesus’ disciples. Given Andrew’s lack of attention in the New Testament and early Christian writings, it’s not surprising that very few accounts of his ministry have emerged.

There are several stories in the gospels of how Andrew came to be a disciple of Jesus. In the gospel of Matthew and Mark, Peter and Andrew were both called together to become disciples of Jesus and "fishers of men". These stories tell us that Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, spotted Peter and Andrew fishing, and called them to discipleship. In the parallel incident in the Book of Luke, Andrew is not named, nor is reference made to Peter having a brother.

The Book of John says that Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist, whose testimony first led him, and another unnamed disciple of John the Baptist, to follow Jesus. Andrew at once recognized Jesus as the Messiah, and introduce him to his brother Peter.

Andrew appears to have been part of an inner circle among the disciples. Only he and three others (Peter, James, and John) were on the Mount of Olives with Jesus when he foretold the destruction of the Temple. Andrew, together with Peter, James and John, questioned him: "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign when these things are all to be accomplished?" (Mk 13: 1-4).

It was Andrew who pointed out to Jesus the presence of a young boy who had with him five barley loaves and two fish: “But what good is that with this huge crowd”, he remarked? But Matthew, Mark, and Luke didn’t think that was important enough to be worth mentioning.

After Pentecost, Andrew became a missionary like the other apostles and preached the gospel. He hungered for the truth. He found it, first in John the Baptist, then in Jesus Christ. Andrew is mentioned fourth in the list of disciples, indicating he stayed close to Jesus. Andrew made Jesus the most important thing in his life, and we should too.

After the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Andrew focused his apostolic efforts in Eastern Europe, eventually founding the first Christian church in Byzantium. Today it is known as Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey.

Tradition holds that Andrew was martyred by crucifixion in the Greek city of Patras around 60 AD. Like his brother, Peter, Andrew allegedly didn’t consider himself worthy to die in the same way as Jesus, and tradition claims he was tied, not nailed, to a cross which was hung in an X shape instead of a T. It supposedly took him 2 days to die.

Even though the information about Andrew is very sparse, we can summarize that you don’t have to be of great importance to be used by the Lord. We can be encouraged to serve quietly and without large crowds. Our acts of worship and kindness are not meant to impress others. They are to honor the heart and character of God. If we do what we do to be seen by others, that's all the reward we're ever going to get. He rewards us openly when we operate quietly on His behalf. So, from this day forward, we should ask the Lord to help us find ways to minister to others, that will bring them closer to Jesus, allowing us to give Him glory, honor and praise!

Thoughts, Temptations and Transformations

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Consider the following research from a variety of places...

- **We Have Thousands of Thoughts Per Day**
- **The Majority of Our Thoughts Are Negative & Repetitive**
- **Our Thoughts Impact Our Mental and Physical Health**
- **About Half of What We Do Is Habitual**
- **We Make Thousands of Decisions Daily**

When it comes to making better decisions in the midst of temptations, we must ask ourselves, "what am I thinking?" James 1 states that temptations come from our own personal desires which entice us and drags us away. Each one of us has "personal" desires that if we don't manage well, will most likely result in us yielding to our "personal" temptations. So, the question is, how do I positively transform in the middle of temptations. I must recognize:

- God is not tempting me. (James 1:12-15)
- God provides a way out (1 Corinthians 10:13)
- Jesus tells us to pray that we don't give in to temptation (Luke 22:40)
- I must "let" God renew my mind and change my tempting thoughts daily (Romans 12:1-2) This will lead to real transformation!

Listen...EVERYBODY struggles with a "personal" temptation...PERIOD!!! Many of us have multiple temptations. Some struggle with sex, drugs & alcohol, pornography and more. However, many attempt to rank temptations and judge others. STOP IT! Many don't talk about the temptation to gossip, be jealous, lie, cheat, slander, be in control, mismanage power, overeat, under eat, and more. So, whatever, "YOUR PERSONAL" temptation is...do the following for a transformation.

- Pay attention to when, where, why, how, and what you are routinely tempted with.
- Put a new pattern in place. Don't put yourself in a position to give in!
- Pray and ask God to clearly show/provide you the way out.
- Please take the way out that God is showing you!
- Pinpoint the negative temptation thoughts and replace them with positive thoughts.
- Pick yourself back up when you fail. Forgive yourself and keep getting back up again.
- Pair up with a mature person who will hold you accountable.
- Put this on REPLAY! Repeat these steps and you'll see a real transformation!



Easter BY PASTOR MIKE HERNANDEZ, CHURCH OF THE HARVEST

The celebration of Easter actually starts on Good Friday. Good Friday is the day Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, put on trial by the Jewish Religious Leaders & Pontius Pilate (the Roman Leader), beaten and then crucified. This was a Good Friday for us, because when Jesus died, man was given access to God the Father.

When Adam sinned, a separation was created between God and man. God is perfectly holy and could not have relationship with sinful man. God had to create a plan to redeem man from their sin. God created a system where forgiveness of sins was obtained through the shedding of blood (Leviticus 17:11 & Hebrews 9:22). However, the sacrifice of animals only covered man's sins, to obtain access to God's presence, a perfect sacrifice had to be made.

Jesus was born through a virgin and when He lived on this earth, He never sinned. Because He lived a perfect life, God would accept His blood as payment for our sins.

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Elie, lema sabachtani?" that is, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" – Matthew 27:46.

Up to this point, Jesus always referred to God as His Father. In this moment, He called out to God (not His Father) and then asked why He had forsaken Him. It was at this moment that man's sin was placed on Jesus and Jesus was separated from God the Father. I believe this was the hardest part of Jesus' life on earth...He was, for the first and only time in all history, separated from God the Father. Because of my sin, God the Father had to forsake Jesus.

And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. – Mark 15:37-38

The curtain in the temple was the curtain that divided the Holy of Holies from the Holy Place. In the Holy of Holies was the Ark of the Covenant, which signified God's Presence. No human being was ever allowed into the Holy of Holies except the High Priest and that only once a year on the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16:1-34). If any human entered the Holy of Holies outside of the High Priest on the Day of Atonement, they would die.

When Jesus died, the curtain that separated man from the Holy of Holies was torn from top to bottom. This showed that God accepted Jesus' blood as payment for man's sin and now man had access to God. Before Jesus' death, only the high priest had access to God's presence, but after Jesus' death, everybody has access to God's presence.

So why was the resurrection so important? The resurrection wasn't just about the forgiveness of sins, but about power over death.

That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, - Philippians 3:10

The Greek word for power is "dunamis" which literally means force, specifically miraculous power. It is where we get the word dynamite. As you know, dynamite is an explosive force! So why does God want to give us such power? What is the power for?

The power is power over death, which means power over sin!

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. – Romans 6:23

Sin leads to death. If Jesus has power over death (which He proved when He rose from the dead), then He has power over sin. This is the power that Paul was wanting to know in Philippians 3:10.

The Greek word for “know” in this verse is “ginosko”, which literally means to know absolutely and in a great variety of applications and with many implications. Paul wanted to know this power in all applications for his life.

When Jesus died, He provided propitiation or payment for our sin. However, we were still going to be stuck in our sin. When Jesus rose from the dead, He demonstrated power over sin and death and has passed that power to us. We no longer need to be stuck in our sin! If we have a sin that we can't seem to stop doing, it is the power of the resurrection that will help us overcome this sin. If we have an addiction, the power of the resurrection will help us overcome the addiction. If we have unforgiveness, the power of the resurrection will help us overcome the hurt and pain to forgive.

Or if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. – Romans 6:5-6

The power of the Resurrection is about living a victorious life!

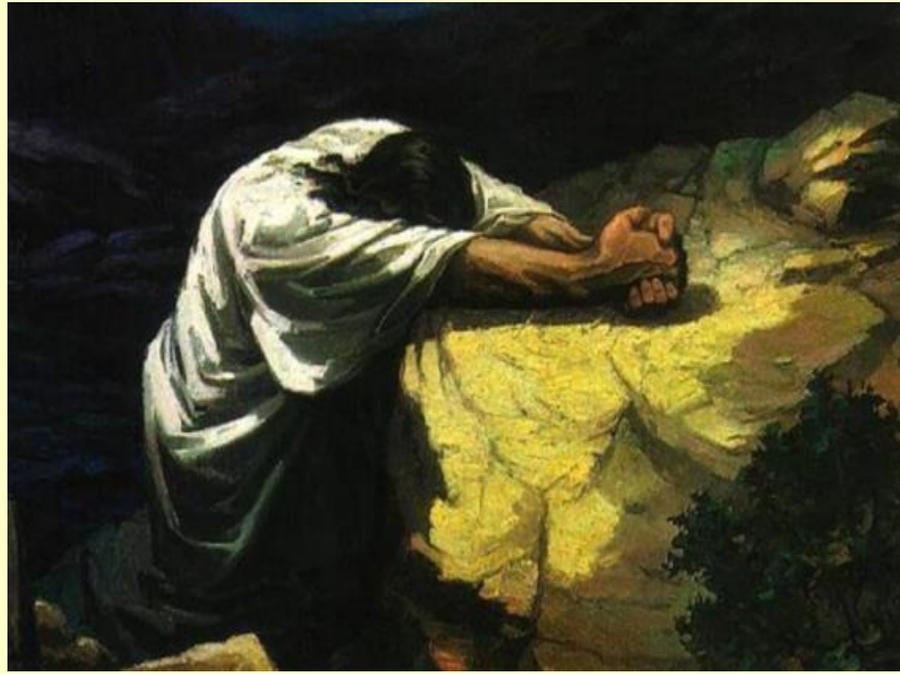
It is this power that the Apostle Paul wanted to know. This is the power we should all want to know. We need to ask God to help us in our time of need. When we are faced with temptation, we need to ask God to help us make the right choice. When we feel like we have no choice but to sin, we need to ask God to show us the truth, that the power of the resurrection has set us free.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 3:12-14

The Apostle Paul never obtained perfection on this earth and neither shall we. However, we need to learn from him, we need to forget the past and press forward to what lies ahead! The Apostle Paul was “pressing towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God”. We all should be pressing towards this goal – Heaven.

Ask God to show you the power of the resurrection! Ask God to make that power real!

The greatest night with the greatest prayer, the greatest prayer for the greatest night. Where would we be if it had not been for that day or the infamous kiss that sealed our Savior's fate?



Jesus knowing that His life was only worth 30 pieces of silver. Right before He allowed himself to be hauled off into captivity... He showed us a sign of what was to be offered towards humanity with the restoration of an ear! Grace, mercy, compassion... the greatest of them all... love!

Oh that beautiful kiss... that sweet betrayal, without those... the moment you share with others would not exist!

The denial of a close friend was needed. The conversation between Pilate and Jesus had to happen. The accusations had to be made. Without them... where would we be?

What we gather here is that Jesus loved us unconditionally. Knowing that those dear to Him would turn their backs and others would reject Him... but through it all... HE loved us!

The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me..."

NO MATTER WHAT... REMEMBER JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD AND SAVIOR

Hi, my name is Matt Thomas. I am a pastor and the Executive Director of Firm Foundations Ministries, but I haven't always been in this place. Growing up I experienced abuse in many different forms. I didn't have a father in my life and from a very early age I started getting into trouble. I developed a drug addiction that led to destructive behavior and 3 years spent in prison.



For so many years I let my childhood trauma dictate what I did in life, but eventually the despair of life as a drug addict and a thief made me realize that I couldn't live that way anymore. Slowly God began to use truths that had been planted throughout my life to open my eyes to the saving work of Jesus Christ. He had to break me of myself and show me new ways to live.

It was through godly men and women who shared the love of Jesus with me, that my whole life was changed. If I hadn't had a church that loved and understood me, godly mentors, and a Christ-centered place to parole to, I wouldn't be here today. God used the church inside prison and outside to save my life and call me to ministry.

The work we do at Firm Foundations Ministries is a reflection of the work God has done in my own life. We started transitional houses because of the huge need to provide safe and godly environments for people coming home from prison. Currently we have houses in Wichita, Topeka, and Kansas City, Kansas. These are places where men and women can come after being released from jail or prison and receive support, resources, and the transforming love of a godly community. We have a six-month program that strives to help them find stability and a healthy foundation for rebuilding their lives.

While our ministry began with just a transitional housing program, God had so much more in mind. As we continued to serve men and women coming home from prison, we saw a huge need for evangelism and leadership development within the prisons themselves. This led us to planting churches in both Hutchinson Correctional Facility and Lansing Correctional Facility. We believe that God wants to do a work of revival in our prisons and that He is raising up godly men and women to lead this movement from the prisons themselves!

In partnership with the Christ the Victor Church movement, we work to empower church leaders who are currently incarcerated, to lead the church on the inside. But God's calling on these leaders' lives usually doesn't end in prison. As they are released, these men and women have specific callings to impact their communities for God's Kingdom.

We have discovered such a need for church bodies who really understand the struggles of people affected by incarceration and who are willing to empower those whom God is calling into leadership. This is how Freedom Initiative Church, a church plant I pastor in Lenexa, Kansas, was born. This is a church plant led by and planted for men and women who have previously been incarcerated.

As we continue to empower men and women to live out God's call on their lives, whether through our transitional housing program or church planting, we are also creating a new pastoral training initiative called The Genesis Project. We want to take more leaders from prison to the pulpit and see our prisons and communities transformed as God brings revival through the leaders he calls. At Firm Foundations Ministries, we are committed to the partnership of people who believe in supporting and empowering leaders who are, or who have been, incarcerated. And, we believe that God will use these men and women to advance His Kingdom both in prison and in our communities.

To learn more, visit www.firmfoundationsministries.org.

Hope



My Sisters,
Easter reminds us that **Hope** should never be lost,
For as dark the road may seem, there's always light at the end.

May all your prayers be fulfilled,
And may wonderful Blessings be upon you and your loved ones on this very special day.
Happy Easter!

***The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy.
Psalms 147:11***

Words to Grow By - by Linda Lewis

REDEEMED

However late you think you are,
However many chances you think you have missed,
However many mistakes you feel you have made
Or however far from home, family and God you think you have traveled,
I testify that you have not traveled beyond the reach of
His Divine Love.

It is not possible for you to sink lower
Than the infinite light of Christ's Atonement shines.

***In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the
riches of His grace. Ephesians 1:7 NKJV***

Resurrection Sunday Word Search by Growth Ministries

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Blessed Tomb Victory Easter Cross Jesus Prayer Miracle
Crown Of Thorns Resurrection Good Friday Palm Sunday Eternal
Death Crucifixion Commission Sacrifice Triumphant Celebration
Nails Risen Mary Son Holy Lent

Tria's - My Redemptive Story

Once upon a later time.... there was a woman named Tria Lynne, God's girl. Tria was scared, bruised, and battered. Her heart was shattered in a million pieces, literally broken. Felt like there was nothing left.

Then immediately...suddenly, seemingly out of nowhere a rescuer! A rescuer! A rescuer for her soul. Undeserved. Not requested. An intervention. In a moment, the despair vanished, the fear gone, the hopelessness, depression, and anxiety now non-existent. Replaced by hope and peace like no other. A freedom she had never known. Jesus! She can now move on, move forward. Keep going on her life's journey, with this hope, love, and renewed strength in her heart. Which one day will lead her to her heavenly forever home. With her Abba, her Savior, her best friend, warrior, and her Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

Then the darkness crept back in. She drifted from Jesus, let the world pull her in. Believed the lies of the enemy, lived a life in sin.

BUT GOD...in all His great love would never give up on her. Always drawing her heart back to His Light. He continued to demonstrate His love. Despite His many blessings, she couldn't see the One trying to save her, direct her path. Until finally He spoke to her by name and broke her out of darkness that almost consumed her very life. The darkness brought brokenness, destruction, and death. But this was not the end. He will fight for her always, for she is His beloved. This warrior will be with her forever, His love will never end. He will fight for her always, for she is His beloved. This woman who has made so many wrong choices, and only one right choice. To believe in a Savior, the one true light, His light shone on her in a brilliant salvation, redeeming her heart.

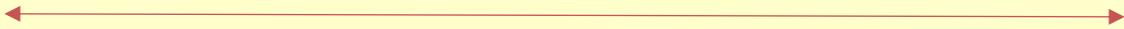
There's Beauty

There's beauty everywhere. There's beauty in every single thing, in every moment, occurrence, and dream.

There's beauty in the ashes, there's beauty in the pain. There's beauty in everything. There's beauty in the dark places, in the hard places too. There's beauty always true. There's beauty in the color.

There's beauty in the hurt. There's beauty in the struggle, growth, pressure, and the change. There's beauty all around. There's beauty in the flowers and always in the rain. There's beauty in their faces, the laughter and the smiles.

In the second chance given a brand new day. When you have eyes to see, there's beauty everywhere. There's new beauty in my heart! For God brings beauty to everything.



Tria-God's Girl

Once upon a time there was a girl named Tria. Her name was special and unique. She was brought into the world with a divine purpose by a Divine Creator. At three years old she was blessed with a sister. A sister named Kira. A name as special and unique as her own. Two peas in a pod, one not growing without the other. The two budded and grew, amongst love, loss, and pain. Their world was dark and perilous.

With seeds of bitterness and hurt filling up her life, things became hazy, very hard to see. Then breaking into this darkness and pain, came a swift rescue. So full of mercy and compassion, a love she never knew. Release flooded her

eyes in long streams of tears. Love poured into her heart, full and complete. She let it all out. He took her hand and her heart. He would not let it break, He held it tight. This girl met Jesus! He had come to show her the Light, along with joy, peace, and love...it flooded her life and soul.

Charles Wendell Colson



Charles Wendell Colson was an aide to America President Richard Nixon during the 1970s, but in 1974 he was tried and convicted for his part in the notorious Watergate scandal in a cover-up to hide the activities that took place to destroy the credibility of pentagon analyst Daniel Ellsberg. He served seven months in prison.

As a new Christian, Chuck Colson voluntarily pled guilty to obstruction of justice in 1974 and served seven months in Alabama's Maxwell Prison for his part in the Watergate scandal.

In his best-selling memoir, *Born Again*, Chuck wrote, "I found myself increasingly drawn to the idea that God had put me in prison for a purpose and that I should do something for those I had left behind."

Colson emerged from prison with a new mission: mobilizing the Christian church to minister to prisoners.

He founded Prison Fellowship in 1976, which is now the nation's largest Christian nonprofit serving prisoners, former prisoners, and their families, and a leading advocate for criminal justice reform. In recognition of his work among prisoners, Colson received the prestigious Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion in 1993.

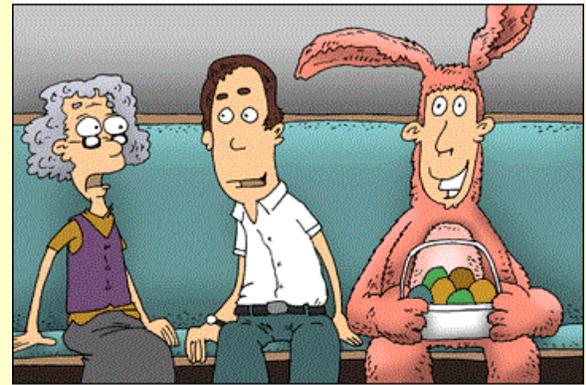
Chuck Colson passed away April 21, 2012. His legacy continues, however, in the work of Prison Fellowship and in the lives of the many people his ministry has touched.

After a career in hardball politics, Chuck Colson emerged as one of the most influential evangelical leaders of the past half century, devoting his life to ministering to prisoners and sharing the Gospel's message of love and hope to millions.

Young Ernie and his family were invited to have Easter Sunday lunch at his grandmother's house in Monkey's Eyebrow, Arizona. USA. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Ernie received his plate, he started eating straight away. 'Ernie, wait until we say grace,' demanded his father. 'I don't have to,' the five year old replied. 'Of course you do, Ernest,' his mother insisted rather forcefully. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.' 'That's at our house,' Ernie explained, 'but this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook.'

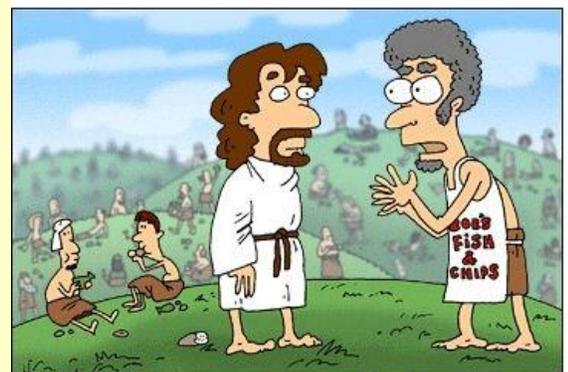


Thanks to I. Slatter (See John 8:13-15) 03-16-2003
YOU KNOW HOW I CAN TELL WHEN YOU ARE LYING? ... YOUR LIPS ARE MOVING



YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE HIM ... HE'S NEW TO THE FAITH AND THIS IS HIS FIRST EASTER

Marty, a little boy, was in church one Easter Sunday with his mother Doris, when he started feeling sick. 'Mummy,' he inquired, 'can we leave now?' 'No,' his mother replied, 'the service isn't over yet.' 'Well, I think I'm about to throw up.' Marty announced. 'Then go out of the front door and around to the back of the church and throw up behind a bush.' said Doris. After about sixty seconds, Marty returned to his pew, alongside his mother. 'Did you throw up?' Marty's Mum asked quietly. 'Yes,' Marty answered, embarrassed. 'How could you have gone all the way to the back of the church and returned so quickly?' Doris demanded. 'I didn't have to go out of the church, Mummy. They have a box next to the front door that says, "For the Sick".'



Thanks to Mikel Rice (See Matthew 14:14-21)
YOU ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO COME WORK FOR ME ... NAME YOUR PRICE!



Jesus' Last 40 Days on Earth

Jesus was lied on, beat within an inch of His life, then crucified by being nailed to a cross by His hands and feet. All for our sins. In His final breath He said, "It is finished." He had done what he came to do. He was buried and three days later He rose from the grave with all power. After all that, He could have called a 'spiritual uber' and caught a ride home to Glory. But He didn't. Remember He said, "It is Finished!" But He had a few more things He needed to do. He hung around for 40 more days. Let's look at what He did during that time.

He was first seen by Mary Magdalene who is the woman who had seven demons cast from her by Jesus. She is the first person that Jesus chose to reveal himself to. Mark 16:9

He then miraculously appeared to two men that were walking to Emmaus (a city close to Jerusalem) and gave them a hard time about not believing the prophets about the Messiah. Luke 24:13-33

Later that night Jesus appears in a room where His disciples were hiding from the Jews to let them know He had risen. John 20:19

A few days later He ran into Thomas who had said earlier that week to the disciples who told him about Jesus' resurrection, "Until I put my fingers in the holes in his hands, I will not believe it". He got that chance. John 20:26-29

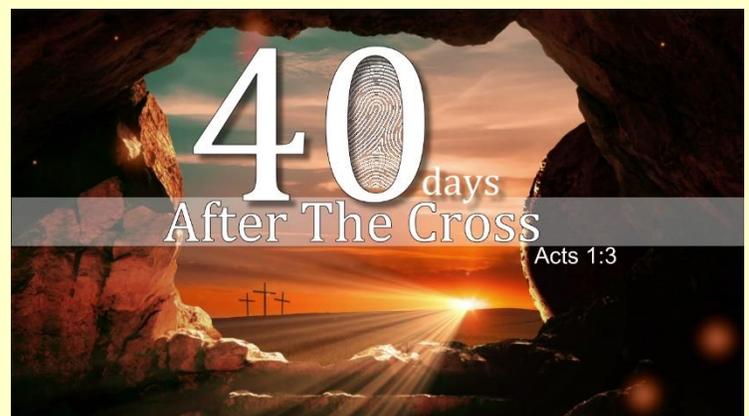
Over the next 30 days Jesus appears to over 500 people. 1 Corinthians 15:6

On the 40th day He gave His disciples the Great Commission. To go and make disciples of all nations and baptize them and to teach them everything that Jesus had taught them. Then He ascends up to Heaven. Matthew 28:18-20

And this is why we now have Christianity. All those that witnessed Christ after His resurrection went on to witness to others of His miraculous rise from the grave. People started getting saved everywhere as this news was preached. It became the "Good News", or "The Gospel". It spread like wildfire and it is still spreading today. This same message is what saved you and I. Aren't you glad Jesus decided to show Himself and give His Disciples the directive to spread the word about what they knew?

The Gospel, the Good News of Christ, is the greatest "Pay it Forward" the world has ever known. You too have a responsibility to keep it going. Who have you told about Christ lately?

Happy Easter!



What must I do to be saved?



If you've never accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior, or if you've turned away from Him for a life of unrighteousness, then take a moment and say this prayer:

“Lord, I confess that I am a sinner and ask your forgiveness. I believe that your son Jesus died on the cross for my sins and was resurrected with all power. I invite Jesus to be the Lord of my life and your Holy Spirit to come into my heart to guide me for the rest of my days. Amen.”

Romans 10:9 says that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

If this is you, please write Growth Ministries and we will gladly help you start your new life in Christ.

Growth Ministries, Inc., Attn: Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 4375, Olathe, KS 66063

Write Us



We would love to hear from you. If you have a testimony, a prayer request, or a question about your walk with the Lord, send us a letter. We would love to pray or rejoice with you. Maybe you are a writer and you have a spiritual word of encouragement for the readers of our newsletter. We would love to review your article to see if we can use it in our newsletter. We also like to share poems from you more artistic sisters and brothers.

We also ask that you be mindful of what you send to us as there are some things that are prohibited for print:

Inappropriate Verbiage/Profanity

Sexually Explicit Verbiage/Images

Political opinions

Opinions regarding social/systemic injustices

Answers to Resurrection Sunday Word Search

