



II Cor. 3:17 – “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is...

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Jesus said . . . “I am
the resurrection, and
the life . . . ”

John 11:25

EASTER –

The Season of Hope

In Days Gone By

On April 21, 1855, D.L. Moody
was converted to Christ.

On April 21, 1926, Queen
Elizabeth II was born.

On April 23, 1791, President
James Buchanan was born.

If Christ Had Not Risen—What?

We shudder at the thought.
Wishful thinking cannot satisfy.
The Bible tells in no uncertain
terms, if Christ is not risen:

Then our preaching is vain.

Then your faith also is vain.

Then you are yet in your sins.

Then they are lost who died in
Christ.

And then we are found to be false
witnesses of God. For we have
testified of God that He raised
up Christ (I Cor. 15:14–18).

But Christ Is Risen— Now What?

Now we raise the paeon of vic-
tory:

“O death, where is thy sting?

O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the
strength of sin is the law. But
thanks be to God, which giveth
us the victory through our Lord
Jesus Christ” (I Cor. 15:55–57).

*Ashamed of Jesus! that dear Friend,
On whom my hopes of Heav'n
depend?*

*Not when I blush be this my shame,
That I no more revere His name.*

Better Not Drop That Egg

"The Easter story is nothing but a myth," Jimmy's high school science teacher announced to his class a few days before Easter break. "Jesus not only didn't rise from the grave," he continued, "but there's no God in heaven who would allow his son to be crucified in the first place."

"Sir, I believe in God," Jimmy protested. "And I believe in the resurrection!"

"Jimmy, you can believe what you wish to, of course," the teacher replied. "However, the real world excludes the possibility of miraculous events such as the resurrection. The resurrection is a scientific impossibility. No one who believes in miracles can also respect science."

"God isn't limited by science," Jimmy responded. "He created science!"

Engaged by Jimmy's outspoken faith, the teacher proposed a scientific experiment. Reaching into his refrigerator, he produced a raw egg and held it up. "I'm going to drop this egg on the floor," he stated.

"Gravity will pull it toward the floor with such force that the egg will most certainly break." Fixing Jimmy with a look of challenge, he concluded his proposal. "Now Jimmy, I want you to pray a prayer right now and ask your God to keep this egg from breaking when it hits the floor. If he can do that, then you'll have proven your point, and I'll have to admit that there's a God."

After pondering the challenge for a moment, Jimmy slowly stood to pray. "Dear Heavenly Father," he began. "I pray that when my teacher drops the egg...it will break into a hundred pieces! And also, Lord, I pray that when the egg does break, my teacher will have a heart attack and die! Amen."

After a unison gasp, the stunned class sat in silent expectation. For a moment the teacher did nothing. At last he looked at Jimmy and then at the egg. Without a word he carefully put the egg back in the refrigerator. "Class dismissed," the teacher said and sat down to clear his desk.

The teacher apparently believed in God more than he thought he did. Many people, like that teacher, deny that God exists, yet they run from him, question him, and attack him whenever they get the chance. Jimmy knew God wouldn't strike his teacher dead, but he also knew that his teacher wouldn't bet his life on it.

As the old saying goes, "There are no atheists in foxholes." When your life is on the line, the idea of God suddenly makes a lot more sense.

In Christ We Have . . .

*A love that can never be fathomed,
A life that can never die,
A righteousness that can never be tarnished,
A peace that can never be understood,
A rest that can never be disturbed,
A joy that can never be diminished,
A hope that can never be disappointed,
A glory that can never be clouded,
A light that can never be darkened,
A purity that can never be defiled,
A beauty that can never be marred,
Resources that can never be exhausted.*

SOUL-STRETCHING

I was just a kid. One spring day Father called me to go with him to old Mr. Tussel's blacksmith shop. He had left a rake and a hoe to be repaired. They were ready, fixed like new. Father handed over a silver dollar for the repairing.

Mr. Tussel refused to take it. "No," he said, "there's no charge for that little job."

Father insisted he take the pay, still extending the dollar. If I live a thousand years, I'll never forget that great man's reply. "Ed, can't you let a man do something now and then just to stretch his soul?"

That short but big sermon from the lips of that humble, lovable blacksmith has caused me to find again and again the great joy and quiet happiness which comes from a little "stretching of the soul."

—Alabama Baptist

Tongue Twisters:

1. Fred fed Ted bread and Ted fed Fred bread.
2. Can you can a can as a canner can can a can?

Unscramble the Books of the New Testament

1. DOGNEB STANNEALSHOIS _____
2. NEEJJA _____
3. SUTTI _____
4. TFRIS LIOTCENNERAS _____
5. EILE _____
6. MNRSOA _____
7. DECSON MYIYHOT _____
8. ERT STCA _____
9. SOONLICASS _____
10. COBONS OELN _____
11. TINSAAALG _____
12. STRIP ETPER _____
13. PIIAIPLRSN _____
14. EREBSHW _____
15. AETHMT _____
16. ILANEVETOR _____
17. NEDSOC TIOEINNISR _____
18. SKAM _____
19. HIDRT JENO _____
20. TFRIS LOANSSHINESTA _____
21. UJED _____
22. STIPE MYIYHOT _____
23. LINDHOP _____
24. QJHO _____
25. PHINSSAEE _____
26. RSTIF ONWJ _____
27. COBNEB KEETP _____

Soul-Winning Sophie



"Aunt Sophie," a converted washerwoman who was really a soul winner, was accused of talking about Christ to a wooden Indian in front of a cigar store. When some laughed at Sophie for doing this, she replied, "Some people say they saw me talking to a wooden Indian about Christ. I may have done it —my eyesight is not good —but talking to a wooden Indian about Christ is not as bad as being a wooden Christian and never talking to anybody about Jesus."

Before we leap at any opportunity to criticize our children, we should pause for a moment to remember who raised them.

Nothing makes people go into debt like trying to keep up with people who already are. -copied

Miscellaneous.

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*STORIES
*EVENTS
*VIEWS
*NEWS



THE DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

IN HISTORY PAST this is the week that Jesus Christ was crucified and rose again from the dead to live forever. I believe He was crucified on Wednesday, was in the grave three days and nights as the Bible says, and rose again on the 3rd day. People have many questions about all of this, and the Bible has all the answers. Jesus Christ was God's only begotten Son, was born of the Virgin Mary, lived a sinless life and died for the sins of the world. He was God incarnate and willingly came to give His life for our sins. He is the Father, the Sustainer, the Creator and the Judge of all mankind. He is our only hope of salvation and eternal life. Calvary and Easter are just three days apart, but the greatest events that ever happened took place during that week. The question is, "What do you believe?" Your eternal destiny depends on your decision. Listen to what some of His ENEMIES thought:

PILATE - "I find no fault in this man." He then proceeded to turn Christ over to the mob to be crucified. By his own mouth he has condemned himself forever.

JUDAS ISCARIOT - "I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood." He sold Christ for 30 pieces of silver, but in reality he sold himself for 30 pieces of silver.

CENIURION - "Truly, this was the Son of God." He was in charge of the soldiers who crucified Christ. They all believed but it was too late!

Now here are the comments of His FRIENDS:

JOHN THE BAPTIST - "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

THOMAS - "My Lord and my God." He earlier doubted but was soon restored.

ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH - "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER - "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

ANGELS - "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

APOSTLE PETER - "...we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God."

Here is the testimony of Christ himself - John 10:17-18, "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again." Also, in John 20:11, He says, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth His life for the sheep."