

EASTER 2019 (167)

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Text - I Cor. 15:1-4

re. - Easter celebrations ~ Easter food ~
Easter memories ~

— Easter Message — HE IS ALIVE! *(Age 12
only in 2nd grade)*

- Cor. 15 - The Resurrection Chapter of The Bible —

cp. Matt. 28
Mk. 16 } All 4 Gospels record
Lk. 24 } the Resurrection
John 20

1.4 - DEATH / BURIAL / RESURRECTION

*Gen 3
Exodus 3
Ps 22*

① His DEATH ~ Prophesied ~ OT Scriptures
Jesus Himself

Portrayed ~ Typology of OT ~ Lambs

Performed ~ He actually
wrote them all

Personal ~ He died for Barabbas
For me
For world
For you

*sheep
in Gen. 3*

Abraham

*Jewish Sacr.
Passover*

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② His BURIAL ~ "Begged" for - Matt. 27:58
LK 23:52

"Bobby Begged" - Mk. 15:43

"Besought" - Jn. 19:38-39

Borrowed Tomb - Matt. 27:60 ~ Joseph & "two"

Bound ~ "Sealed" - Matt. 27:66
(by His enemies)

*To set
guard
the dead man*

Introduction: Jeremy was not a normal child. He had a terminal illness which affected both his body and his mind. Still, his parents had tried to give him as normal a life as possible and had sent him to a religious elementary school. At the age of 12, Jeremy was only in second grade, seemingly unable to learn. He was a frustration to his teacher and to all the children in the class.

Springtime came, and the children talked excitedly about the coming of Easter. Their teacher told them the story of Jesus, and then to emphasize the idea of new life springing forth, she gave each of the children a large plastic egg with this assignment: "I want you to take this home and bring it back tomorrow with something inside that shows new life. Do you understand?"

All the children responded enthusiastically, "Yes, Miss Miller!" All of them, that is, except for Jeremy. He just listened carefully, his eyes never leaving the teacher's face. Had he understood what she had said about Jesus' death and resurrection? Did he understand the assignment? The teacher thought perhaps she should call his parents and explain the project to them, but she got busy and forgot.

The next morning, 19 children came to school, laughing and talking as they placed their eggs in a large wicker basket on Miss Miller's desk. After they completed their math lesson, it was time to open the eggs. In the first egg, Miss Miller found a flower. She said, "Oh yes, a flower is certainly a sign of new life. When plants peek through the ground, we know that spring is here." A small girl in the first row waved her arms. "That's my egg, Miss Miller."

The next egg contained a plastic butterfly, which looked real. The teacher held it up. She said, "We all know that a caterpillar changes and grows into a beautiful butterfly. Yes, that is new life, too." Little Judy smiled proudly and said, "Miss Miller, that one is mine!" Next, the teacher found a rock with moss on it. She explained that moss, too, showed life. Billy spoke up from the back. "My daddy helped me!"

Then the teacher opened the fourth egg. But the egg was empty! Surely it must be Jeremy's, and obviously he didn't understand her instructions. If only she had phoned his parents. Because she did not want to embarrass him, she quietly set the egg aside and reached for another. Suddenly Jeremy spoke up. "Miss Miller, aren't you going to talk about my egg?" A bit flustered, the teacher said, "But Jeremy—your egg is empty!" He looked into her eyes and said softly, "Yes, but Jesus' tomb was empty, too!"

Truly, the greatest symbol of new life is found in AN EMPTY TOMB!

Matthew 28:5-6 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

- 3) His RESURRECTION ~ Proof is:
- ✓ His Sacrifice Accepted
 - ✓ His Sayings Accurate
 - ✓ His Spirits Comforted
 - ✓ His Salvation Complete
"It is finished"
- X** The Res. was an "AVENUE" to that statement ~

BIG
BOLD
BELIEVED

- Jefferson's Bible ~ Issued by Congress years ago
ended at the tomb ~

But my Bible does not end there!

He Is Alive!

Jefferson's Bible ~

Congress once issued a special edition of the Bible, called the Thomas Jefferson Bible. It was a copy of our Bible, but it had no reference to the supernatural. In making his selection for this edition, Jefferson copied only the moral teachings of Jesus. The closing words are, "There laid they Jesus, and rolled a great stone to the mouth of the sepulcher and departed." But the Bible doesn't end like that, for Jesus burst the bonds of death. It's written in Acts 1:3, "He showed Himself alive after His mission by many infallible proofs."

- A dead Christ can't rescue or redeem sinners. A dead Christ can't save or satisfy sinners. A dead Christ can't transform or thrill sinners. But the living Christ can and does.
- He showed Himself to Saul on the road to Damascus, and changed him from a persecutor of Christ to a preacher of Christ.
- He showed Himself to a shoe salesman, and changed him into a soul winner; and that man, D.L. Moody, shook two continents for Christ.
- He showed Himself to a ballplayer and changed him into a believer; and that man, Billy Sunday, saw millions of people hit *the sawdust trail and surrender to the Savior.