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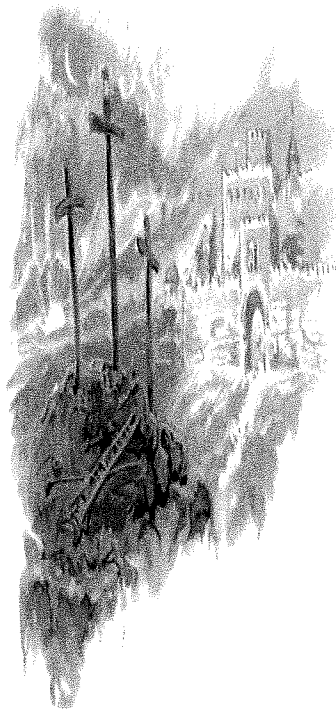
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## Pastor's Perspective: "The Truth Of The Resurrection"



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Resurrection Sunday, commonly called Easter, is the center of the Christian faith. After driving the dishonest money changers away from the Temple, Jesus was challenged by the local religious authorities concerning what He had done. He responded, "...Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body," John 2:19-21.

Jesus staked the entire

truth of His ministry on the resurrection. It is the ultimate proof of whom Jesus claimed to be—the Messiah, God in the flesh.

Around the world there are tombs famous for the remains they once held or still do today. In Egypt there are the pyramids which held Pharaohs and others of importance. In Westminster Abby, there are the bodies of kings and other notable people. Our own Arlington National Cemetery holds the remains of those who have served honorable in the military. The

tomb of Christ is different from the rest. It is famous for being empty.

On Pentecost, the disciples preached in Jerusalem, the focus of Jewish faith. They declared that Jesus, who was crucified, was alive and had risen from the grave, Acts 2. Jerusalem was the center of religious worship. It was standard procedure of the religious leaders of Jesus' day to question religious opinion which seemed to disrupt the religious thought or threaten their power

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## From The Pastor's Desk...

In Psalm 139:7 David asks two important questions, "Whether shall I go from thy spirit? Or whether shall I flee from thy presence? The answer is obvious. We can't flee from God.

Sometimes, however, it seems as though God has abandoned us and we have nowhere to turn. Such were the thoughts of Job who in the midst of despair cried out, "Oh that I

knew where I might find him!" Job 23:3.

Job had lost everything that made life pleasant except his soul. His

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structure. For example, John the Baptist was approached by a delegation from the Sanhedrin, the ruling political and religious leaders. He was asked, “...Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?” John 1:22. The point being, with such religious oversight, why would those who were warned to avoid false teachers, hear a resurrection message preached by Peter on Pentecost, and respond by repenting of their sin and receiving Jesus as their Savior by the thousands?

The conclusion is obvious. Something special did happen. Jesus’ body was missing and given the facts, there was no other plausible explanation about what had transpired. Jesus’ tomb was empty. While some may choose to doubt the resurrection of Christ, it is obvious that something special did happen 2,000 years ago.

Consider some of the foolish speculation as to what happened to Jesus’ body. Some think that Jesus, in spite of the beating he endured, blood He lost, and the torment of crucifixion, merely swooned on the cross. That, even with wounds in His hands and feet, somehow managed to escape His burial wrappings, remove a huge stone across the tomb from the inside, and passed himself off as a glorified Christ. Others suggest that the disciples went to the wrong grave, even though this was a privately-owned garden tomb. This tomb was previously purchased by a rich man and therefore should have been easy to identify. Finally, there are those who want to believe that Judas died in the place of Christ, even though there is no evidence. It also assumes that no one at Jesus’ trial knew what Jesus looked like, in spite of the fact that He taught in the temple often before the people openly.

According to I Corinthians 15:1-4, Jesus died, was buried and rose again the third day for your sin. John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” What a tragedy it would be to miss what this day really is about—the celebration and the securing of our salvation.

### February Finances

General Fund	\$3,300.39
Designated	<u>\$ 878.26</u>
Total	\$4,178.65

### Designated Accounts

Youth	\$2390.73
Miscellaneous	\$ 291.07
D.C. Trip	\$1,303.79

### MEMORY VERSE:

John 20:31, “But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.”

## The Pastor’s Desk Continued...

considerable livestock of camels, oxen and asses were stolen, while his sheep were killed by a fire which fell from heaven. His seven sons and three daughters were killed when a wind collapsed the house they

were in. Job’s health was broken, covered with boils from head to toe. Friends turned on him and blamed him for his situation. Even his wife gave up and said, “Curse God and die,” Job 2:9.

In spite of the suffering, Job never

gave up his faith. His life ends well. His wealth and health were restored and doubled. He was given more children.

Job was never told why he experienced such suffering. Sometimes faith requires us to trust God even

# Poetry Corner

## Calvary

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a medical doctor and it is reported that He

healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

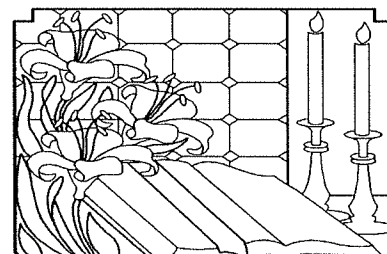
The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb, Roman soldiers were put on guard.

Because of what Christ did on the cross, we can be saved through our faith in Him.

## God's Plan Of Salvation

1. Acknowledge that you are a sinner who needs to be saved.
2. Realize that you are absolutely helpless to do anything on your own human merit to earn eternal life.
3. Believe that Jesus Christ is God, and that He died on the cross, in your place, to pay for your sins.
4. Repent, asking God to forgive you of your sin.
5. Confess Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."  
Romans 10:13.



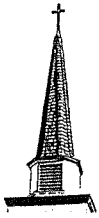
# Revival begins on Resurrection Sunday!

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When we would rather give up. Faith is no easy thing in a world that drowns out God. No matter what the challenge, God is there. We may suffer

Unjustly, be overwhelmed or stressed. He will help you through the flood. He will pick you up when you tip over. He will be there when you need Him most.

Resurrection Sunday at 9:30 a.m. join us for a continental breakfast in the church fellowship hall. We will have a sign up list for you to sign up what you would like to bring. The Revival service will begin afterward.



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# Welcome To Our Church

### Sunday Worship Services

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
Children's Church.....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday Services

Bible Study & Prayer.....7:00 p.m.  
King's Kids (grades 1-8).....7:00 p.m.

### Saturday

Daytime Visitation Program .....10:00 a.m.

### Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 6th, Prom Dress Give Away, 12:00 p.m.  
Sunday, April 7th, Lord's Supper, 12:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 13th, Children's Easter Activity, 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday, April 14th, Advisory Council, 12:00 p.m.  
Sunday, April 14th, Mariposa Nursing Home, 2:00 p.m.  
Sunday, April 21st, Resurrection Sunday, all day  
Sunday, April 21st, Continental Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday, April 21st, Revival, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Monday—Friday, Revival Services at 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, April 28th, Birthday Sunday, 12:00 p.m.  
Sunday, April 28th, Business Meeting, 6:00 p.m.