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**March – April
2018**

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You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen. He is not here. Mark 16:6 (God’s Word to the Nations)

As we already know, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is undoubtedly the most important event in the whole Bible that the Lord God kept His promise to defeat sin, death and Satan once and for all!

The Bible makes it very clear that if Jesus did not rise at all from the tomb, then our faith would be no good and a complete waste of time. We would be the most miserable people of the whole universe. But, praise the Lord, Jesus actually overcame death in a complete victory and now lives forever and ever – showing that we will also rise from our graves on the Last Day in glorified bodies, just like Jesus.

Of course, in order to win the total victory, it was necessary for Jesus to suffer a horrible death on cross to shed His innocent and holy Blood to wash away all our sins – a huge costly price the Heavenly Father had paid for our redemption.

It is right for all of us to celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus, not only on Easter, but also every day of our life as Jesus calls us to share the Good News with all our friends and family members that Christ is the true friend of all sinners. Jesus wants everyone on earth to live with Him forever in heaven.

The more we share the Good News, the more people will come to realize that they really need Jesus for the full forgiveness of sins, the full salvation (saved) and the promise of eternal life. The Holy Spirit will always stay with us to share the Good News. After all, Jesus is THE Life, THE Truth and THE Way for sinners to go to heaven. No one else can do that. Jesus’ name is the only name of all earthly and heavenly names that can save sinners. Glory to the Lord God forever!

(Reprint from Pastor Mark Anderson)

Dive Into God's Word

We are continuing in our study of people in the Bible, how God used them and how they grew in faith. March and April include Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, the time we remember and celebrate Jesus' work to save us. There is a man in the Old Testament whose life showed some of what Jesus would do. That man is Joseph. Not Jesus' father, but Joseph the son of Jacob and great-grandson of Abraham. The main part of his story is in Genesis chapters 37, 39-45.

Answers are on page 4.

	Joseph	Jesus
1.	Did Joseph's brothers like him? Genesis 37:3-8	Did Jesus' brothers like Jesus? Did the Jewish leaders like Jesus? John 7:5, 15:24
2.	What did Joseph's brothers do to him? Genesis 37:28	What did Judas do to Jesus? Matthew 26:15
3.	Did Joseph care about doing right and pleasing God? Genesis 39:9	Did Jesus care about doing right and pleasing God? Hebrews 4:15, John 5:19
4.	Joseph did no wrong, but what happened to him? Genesis 39:20	Jesus did no wrong, but what happened to Him? Luke 22:33
5.	What did God do for Joseph? Genesis 41:39-44	What did God do for Jesus? Matthew 28:18, Philippians 2:9-11
6.	People had no food. If they wanted to live, all people had to go to Joseph to buy what? Genesis 41:56-57	Jesus is the one who gives life. That is why Jesus gave Himself what name? John 6:35
7.	Joseph's brothers hated him and did wrong to him. What did Joseph do for his brothers? Genesis 50:15-21	The Jews hated Jesus and crucified Him. What did Jesus do for the Jews? Luke 22:34
8.	God planned that Joseph would go to Egypt and suffer. Why? Genesis 50:21	God planned that Jesus would come to earth to suffer and die. Why? Luke 24:46-47

Waterloo Announcement

On March 7, worship will be at 5:30 p.m., not 7:00 p.m. Immanuel Lutheran Church, the church where we meet, invited us to join them for worship on March 7. Pastor Eckert will preach and he will also interpret the service. Please remember to come early that day!

Prayers

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ Thank God for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He is the reason we have life!
- ✦ Pray for our nation and our leaders. Every day, the news gives us stories that show we are more and more divided. True? Not true? It's hard to know anymore. But there are a couple things we know for sure. One, a nation that leaves God will not stay together for good. Two, God tells us to pray for our leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-4).
- ✦ Pray for all those in Florida who mourn the death of loved ones in the school shooting, and for all who were injured. Pray for the shooter, that God will lead him to repentance and faith. God will even forgive and give salvation to someone like him. Ask God to change people's hearts so they will not be so quick to hurt and kill, but will instead live and work together in peace.
- ✦ For all who ask God to give them health: Neita Dommer, Mollie Schmitz, Lorri Green, Shirley Green, Pat Monroe's father, Jackie Spencer, Barbara Zimmerman, Janet Weber, Mae and Jerry Hanson, Joan Mass, Arlene Ritze, Gerald Mitchell, Sharon Pope, Jeanette Kern, Bonnie Lou Huffman, Vicki Hoover's daughter Cleta, Terry Ann Check, and Paula Slavin with their physical difficulties, plus all the people who are still getting sick with colds and the flu.
- ✦ Pray for all deaf missions around the world so more Deaf people will know and believe in Jesus. Pray for the deaf ministry in Kenya and for Pastor Eckert as he plans to possibly go back to Kenya this summer.
- ✦ Continue to pray for Andy Petajan as he studies to become a pastor.
- ✦ All shut-ins to keep strong faith in Christ Jesus.



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- 8 Pam Anderson
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- 14 Shirley Green
- 21 Theresa Legg
Mikalah Anderson
- 23 Susan Eckert
Vicki Hoover
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- 26 Jeanette Kern
- 31 Seth Anderson



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Answers to Dive Into God's Word, p. 2.

1. Joseph's brothers hated him. Jesus' brothers didn't believe in Him. The Jewish leaders hated Jesus.
2. Joseph's brothers sold him for 20 pieces of silver. Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.
3. Yes, Joseph cared much about doing right and pleasing God! His master's wife tempted him again and again to sleep with her. Joseph always said no to that temptation. Jesus also cared about doing right and pleasing God. Jesus always said no to temptation. Joseph was still a sinner, but Jesus never sinned.
4. Joseph did no wrong, but he still suffered. He was innocent, but he still had to go to prison. Jesus did no wrong. He was innocent, but still He died on the cross same-as a criminal.
5. God saved Joseph from prison and gave him control over all of Egypt. God raised Jesus from the dead and gave Him authority over everything.
6. If people wanted to live, they had to go to Egypt and buy grain from Joseph. Jesus said He is the "Bread of Life" because He is the one who gives us true eternal life.
7. Joseph forgave his brothers. He suffered, but he knew that God planned that to happen so he could save many people. Jesus also forgave the people who hated Him and killed Him. Jesus came to forgive all people.
8. God planned for Joseph to go to Egypt and suffer so he could save many people. God planned for Jesus to come to earth to suffer and die so He could forgive all people. Jesus' death and resurrection means salvation for everyone who believes in Him.

Thoughts About Billy Graham

Rev. Billy Graham passed away Feb. 21, 2018. There are many news stories about his evangelism, his attitude, character, faith, his use of radio and television, and how he preached to millions of people.

Who was Billy Graham? He was a sinner the same as the rest of us. As he grew up, he learned about Jesus' death and resurrection to forgive him and give him life. Faith in Jesus changed his life and he wanted to use his life to serve God and tell more people about Jesus. He was a Baptist and he believed some things different from what we believe. We don't agree with everything he taught, but he did teach that Jesus died to save us and faith in Jesus is the only way to heaven. He was married to his wife, Ruth, for almost 64 years. They had 5 children and 19 grandchildren.

What was his goal in life? Billy Graham once said, "My one purpose in life is to help people find a personal relationship with God, which I believe comes through knowing Christ." That is why he worked hard to preach to so many people. He wanted them to hear about Jesus and believe in Him.

Can we learn anything from him? The same as every Christian, Billy Graham did things that glorified God, and he did things that he later realized were wrong and he was sorry he did them. We don't want to make it look like he was perfect, but he was a good Christian example in several ways.

1. He trusted Jesus for life and worked hard to tell people about Jesus.
2. He was a faithful husband and father.
3. Many TV preachers seem to love the attention and money they get from being on TV. Billy Graham didn't want attention for himself. He was humble. He wanted people to attend to God.
4. He was a man of integrity. He carefully protected himself from any sin or trouble that would ruin himself, his family, or his ministry.

It would be good for all of us to pay attention like this to how we live as Christians!

March 2018

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 WL – Waterloo/Cedar Falls. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 4820 Oster Parkway, Cedar Falls. 1st Wed. at 5:30 p.m. (special this month), 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
 DU – Dubuque. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2145 John F. Kennedy Rd., Dubuque. 4th Saturday at 1:00 p.m.
 MC – Mason City. On hold for now. Watch for news later about meetings.
 MU – Muscatine. Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2611 Lucas St., Muscatine. Talk to Pastor Eckert to confirm meeting location.

April 2018

1 * See below for worship and Bible study times. Happy Easter! Christ is risen!	2	3	4 7:00 WL – Worship	5	6	7 10:00 QC – Worship
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Jesus Raised Alive

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Easter will soon be here! Easter is the best celebration in the Christian faith. Jesus rose alive from the dead, and that proves He defeated sin, death and the devil. His resurrection is a promise that we will rise alive, also. The reading here is from Luke 24:1-12. Find the underlined words.

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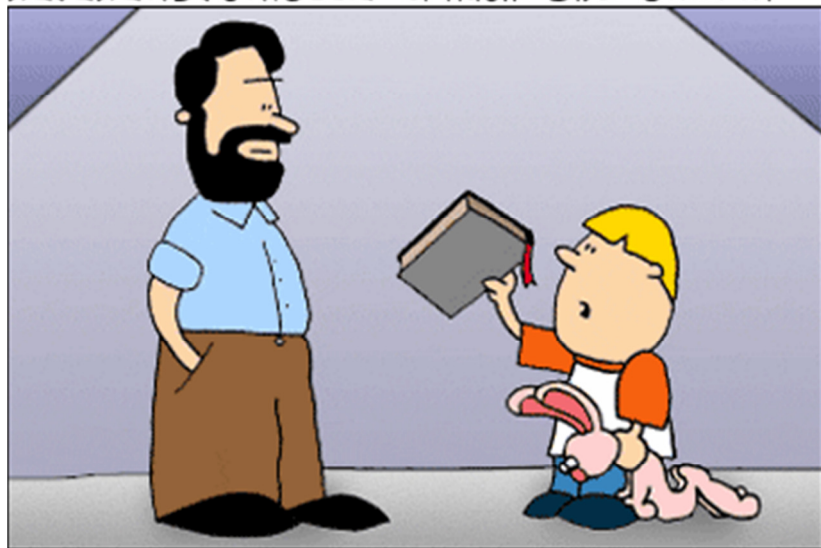
Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices that they had prepared. When they found the stone rolled away from the entrance, they went in. But they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus, and they did not know what to think.

Suddenly two men in shining white clothes stood beside them. The women were afraid and bowed to the ground. But the men said, "Why are you looking in the place of the dead for someone who is alive? Jesus isn't here! He has been raised from death. Remember that while he was still in Galilee, he told you, 'The Son of Man will be handed over to sinners who will nail him to a cross. But three days later he will rise to life.'" Then they remembered what Jesus had said.

Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and some other women were the ones who had gone to the tomb. When they returned, they told the eleven apostles and the others what had happened. The apostles thought it was all nonsense, and they would not believe.

But Peter ran to the tomb. And when he stooped down and looked in, he saw only the burial clothes. Then he returned, wondering what had happened.

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DAD, I NEED YOUR HELP TO FIND OUT
WHERE IT TALKS ABOUT THE EASTER BUNNY
IN THE BIBLE

(Hint-it doesn't!)