

# THE NEWSLETTER

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## HOLY WEEK TRAVELOGUE

**Palm Sunday**, according to Mark 11:7-10: They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

**Maundy Thursday**, according to Luke 22:39-42: And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

**Good Friday**, according to John 19:17-19: Jesus went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

**Holy Saturday**, according to Luke 23:55-56: The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

**Easter Sunday**, according to John 20:1-4: Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running.

## POINTS TO PONDER

- A**lthough things are not perfect
- B**ecause of trial or pain,
- C**ontinue in thanksgiving
- D**o not begin to blame
- E**ven when the times are hard,
- F**ierce winds are bound to blow.
- G**od is forever able,
- H**old on to what you know,

I magine life without His love.  
J oy would cease to be,  
K eep thanking Him for all the things  
L ove imparts to thee.  
M ove out of "Camp Complaining."  
N o weapon that is known  
O n earth can yield the power  
P raise can do alone.  
Q uit looking at the future,  
R edeem the time at hand.  
S tart every day with worship.  
T o "thank" is a command.  
U ntil we see Him coming  
V ictorious in the sky,  
W e'll run the race with gratitude,  
X alting God most high.  
Y es, there'll be good times and yes some  
    will be bad, but...  
Z ion waits in glory... where none are ever sad!"

## SINCE IT'S SPRING!!

### FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING – PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

### PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

### PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE

1. Let us be faithful
2. Let us be kind
3. Let us be patient
4. Let us really love one another

### NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS

1. Turn up for worship & opportunities for study
2. Turn up for service
3. Turn up to help one another

### TO CONCLUDE YOUR GARDEN YOU MUST HAVE THYME

1. Time for each other
2. Time for family
3. Time for friends

### WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE.

### THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW

## HAVE YOU USED YOUR BLUE ENVELOPE LATELY

Each month, on communion Sunday (the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday), we encourage you to use the blue envelopes (found in your box of envelopes) to make special over-and-above gifts to the Fellowship Fund. The purpose of the Fellowship Fund is to be able to provide assistance to folks within our fellowship and community who have special needs. Thank you for your sensitivity to the needs of others.

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

If the darkest, most evil day in history, which was the day Jesus was put on the cross, was determined by God the Father, and seen by the Son as the Father's cup, how can we call minor evils anything less? Jesus said in John 12:31, *Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. Why do we give so much lip service to a defeated foe? Jesus didn't!*

The strongest thing we can do is to live in the praise of seeing God only and ignore the devil and his bluffs. This is what makes him flee! God exposes Satan by bringing him to the **foreground** in Romans 7. The purpose of this exposure is to defeat his rule in us, by putting his false authority under the finished work of Christ. Now, God conveniently uses him and he is hardly noticeable in the **background**.

## BAPTISMAL SERVICE

We rejoice with those who followed the Lord Jesus through the waters of believer's baptism on **Sunday, March 22**.

**Ryen Ammon  
Judith Larson  
Lewis Larson  
Aaron Main  
Vivian Morrow  
Easton St. Clair  
Susan Wilkinson**

If you have made the decision to follow Christ and you would like to be baptized, what a wonderful day it will be for you. It's not TOO LATE! Speak to Dr. Jensen as soon as possible, if you would like to be baptized.

## IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S EVENT

Please continue to pray for the men who will be attending the *Iron Sharpens Iron* event on Saturday, April 18. **MEN!** Your cost of \$60 is NOW DUE! Please make your check payable to Glen Warren. You can still sign up to attend and don't forget to give Glen your t-shirt size!

## THE PROMISE OF EASTER

Based on 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Most of us become excited when someone has promised us something wonderful, only to be disappointed when the something wonderful promised doesn't materialize. Sometimes people break promises they never intended to keep. Sometimes people make promises they want to keep, but they just don't have the ability to keep them. Since we have all been disappointed, we want to know two things: [1] does the promise-maker have the desire to keep their promise? and [2] does the promise-maker have the ability to keep their promise?

God has made the most tremendous promise imaginable. He has promised to raise us from the dead, give us new, heavenly bodies, and then give us eternal life. Easter is our proof that God desires to keep His promise, and He is able.

## LIFE WITHOUT PROMISE IS LIFE WITHOUT HOPE

Paul says there is one thing worse than being disappointed by a broken promise: never having had the hope of any promise. I have heard others say if they die and there was no life after death, they would still have enjoyed their lives as Christians and not feel they gave up anything of value. But Paul says if we do not have the hope of God's promise, "we are of all men most miserable" (verse 19).

## GOD'S DESIRE IS TO KEEP HIS PROMISE TO DEFEAT DEATH

Paul calls death "the last enemy" because of God's desire for us to live. Death entered into the world through sin. God's will from the beginning was for us to have eternal life. Adam was created immortal and lost immortality when he sinned.

A Jewish legend says Adam will be standing at the gate of heaven when we arrive. You may say what you please about his sin, which allowed death and evil to enter the world. And after you finish listing the troubles Adam's sin has caused, he will say: "Yes, my child, these things are true. I sinned but once. How about you?"

## GOD'S ABILITY TO KEEP HIS PROMISE IS PROVEN BY JESUS' RESURRECTION

Jesus is "the firstfruit" of the dead, or, the first to be raised. Had God not raised Jesus, we might wonder if He had the power to raise us. But now we have the promise, "in Christ shall all be made alive" (verse 22).

According to verses 23 and 24, all humanity will be raised. "They that are Christ's at His coming" will be raised to receive eternal life. "Then comes the end," when the rest of humanity, those who had not trusted God's promise, will be raised to judgment (Revelation 20:11ff).

Many of the witnesses who testified to Christ's resurrection gave their lives to tell the world, "God can and will keep His promise."

But there is one other witness: the Spirit of God. If you will open your heart to God, trust Him, and ask His Spirit to fill you, God Himself will give you the assurance you need to trust His promise.

## THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST HAS CONQUERED THE POWER OF SIN AND DEATH FOR EACH OF US WHO BELIEVES.

Christians confess together that God in Jesus Christ saves us by grace through faith apart from our own good works, reason, understanding, or strength. Boldly stated, there is nothing we can do to get God to love us any more than God already does. We cannot earn our way into heaven. Paramount to our existence is the assurance of God's unconditional love for sinners.

Good works, however, are not taboo for Christians. Our lives of discipleship are simply a result of God's love rather than a condition for that love (see 1 John 4:19 – "We love because God first loved us.") In effect, our lives become "thank you notes" to God for what has been done for our sake through a cross and empty tomb and personalized for us through baptism.

Expectations are different than legalistic requirements. Jesus requires relatively little from a Christian, but He expects quite a lot. Perhaps those of us who profess to belong to the Body of Christ might consider the following expectations, for we believe that membership in the Body of Christ means something.

- 1) Engage in daily prayer for the universal and local church, the world, one another and our pastoral leadership.
- 2) Carve out 10 minutes each day to study the written Word. A daily devotional is a good starting place and a wonderful way to promote unity in our readings. Personal devotions are a wonderful way to commune with God.
- 3) Attend worship every week unless you are ill. At worship we encounter the needs of the gathered community, the real presence of Christ in communion, and the sustenance to live as God's faithful people in the world as we are lifted into the Lord's presence as we fully and joyfully participate in worship.
- 4) Participate in weekly Adult Bible Fellowship, Bible Study and Small Spiritual Growth Group opportunities at church. Regular attention to growing in your faith and Biblical literacy is the most overlooked avenue for personal and congregational transformation.
- 5) Commit to the on-going ministries (praise team, prayer team, calling & caring ministries, youth and children's teams, nursery/toddler ministry, teaching ministry, helps ministry, ushers & greeters, hospitality, service, grounds, etc.). If there does not seem to be a niche where you can share your God-given talent, speak with the pastor. Don't wait to be asked – VOLUNTEER, to give God glory through your service
- 6) Read the worship folder, congregational newsletter and other correspondence and publications that come to you from the church from cover to cover, asking God to open your mind and heart to ways in which you can serve Him more.
- 7) Speak the truth in love and go the extra mile to insure solid communication. Forgive so that you will be forgiven and always seek for reconciliation.
- 8) Be open to the presence of the Holy Spirit in your own life and honestly take some risks.

Remember Jesus' words, "**You will know them by their fruit**" (Matthew 7:16). And the Apostle Paul's explanation that a Spirit-filled person, or one who truly belongs to Christ, is **loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and self-controlled..**

Attending to the above will insure a lifetime of joyful service in the name of the one Lord who graces us with life and salvation.

### IT IS NOT YET FINISHED

It does not seem right to begin with the traditional greeting of the Apostle Paul, *Grace and peace to you...* It does not even seem right to end the Easter gospel lesson with the words, *The Gospel of the Lord!* The last words of the book of Mark leave us puzzled and disturbed. Hear them again: *And (the women) went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had come upon them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.*

Wait a minute, you say – aren't there resurrection stories where the risen Lord appears to the disciples and to Mary Magdalene? Yes – the other Gospel writers, Matthew, Luke and John, record a number of these stories. And, in our Bibles there are 12 verses at the end of Mark which provide some of the evidence of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances.

But, we are left with the uncomfortable verse, Mark 16, verse 8, which tells us that the women said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. It hardly seems a fitting way to end the Easter Gospel.

Of course, there is more to this text than the fear and trembling of the three women! When they first arrived at the tomb, they were astonished to find the stone already rolled back from the entrance. Without pausing to consider what they might find inside, they rushed into the tomb and found a man dressed in white. The English translation of his greeting, *Do not be amazed*, is even stronger in the Greek – something like, "I prohibit you from being amazed any longer! Stop it right now!"

Then he said, *You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.*

So there are several of the important resurrection story details in this text: the stone rolled away, Jesus' body not there, an angelic being with promising directions to *Go, tell his disciples*. But the three women didn't tell the disciples, at least not right away. Mark tells us that *They fled from the tomb... and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.*

What do we make of this? If Mark the Evangelist ended his Gospel with the women struck dumb with fear, what is the message he was trying to convey?

Obviously, someone let the truth of the resurrection leak out, or we wouldn't celebrate Easter Day. But perhaps the Evangelist was saying that this gospel lesson is an unfinished story, a story that does not end with chapter 16, verse 8, with the women running from the tomb. The Easter story is God's Good News story, and in such a story, *afraid* is not the last word. Mark simply began the story, and the ending has not been written yet.

Since Mark wrote chapter 16, God's Good News story has had many, many chapters added to it. These chapters were not so much written as lived – acted out in the drama of Christian lives through the centuries, lived out by people of faith who overcame their fear and shared the risen Lord with others.

Chapters have been added to the story, not only by the saints and martyrs whose names are well-known, but by lesser-known saints – a parent, grandparent, perhaps another relative or neighbor or co-worker, whose life of faith, hope, and love made Jesus seem real to us.

Mark's Gospel ends abruptly, but God's Good News story goes on today, still unfinished, as you and I (and other Christians of this generation), add our chapters to it.

Like the women at the tomb, we struggle with fear, at how we will be judged by our audience in this self-reliant and self-indulgent age, when we tell the improbable story of the cross and empty tomb and the One who has come to live in our life.

But the fact is as it has always been: people are hungry to hear the truth that will set them free. And we are the ones who are called to speak it, thereby adding another chapter to the unfinished story.

In the light of Easter, may we ourselves know without a doubt that Jesus Christ is alive, and may the Holy Spirit give us courage to break through our fear, and share with others God's Good News story.

Following the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to several of his followers at the point of their deepest need:

- ▶ To Mary Magdalene in her great grief when she thought her beloved Master was dead, Jesus brought her great

- joy.
- ▶ To Simon Peter in his great sense of remorse and shame for having denied Jesus before the Crucifixion, Jesus gave him complete forgiveness.
  - ▶ To the two travelers on the road to Emmaus in their sense of doubt and disillusionment because their Lord, the one they believed should have been a great deliverer, had been crucified, Jesus brought them insight and hope.
  - ▶ To all the disciples in the upper room, hiding behind locked doors for fear of the authorities, Jesus brought them His peace.

Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He comes to us now in our grief, in our sense of failure and sorrow for sin, in our periods of doubt and disillusionment, in our fear – and brings us great joy, complete forgiveness, insight and hope and peace. At the point of our deepest need, Jesus comes!

### READ YOUR BIBLE

Continuing to provide suggested passages to help you toward achieving the discipline of studying God's Word, please use the following as your guide for the month of April. We will never understand how to walk the Jesus way unless we immerse ourselves in the guidebook He has provided -- the Bible.

#### April

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Luke 24:13-35          | 16. Psalm 119:129-144  |
| 2. Luke 24:36-49          | 17. Proverbs 3:11-26   |
| 3. John 20:19-23          | 18. Matthew 4:1-11     |
| 4. John 20:24-31          | 19. 2 Timothy 3:10-17  |
| 5. John 21:1-19           | 20. 1 Samuel 17:41-51a |
| 6. Acts 13:26-43          | 21. Daniel 1:1-17      |
| 7. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  | 22. Daniel 3:13-28     |
| 8. 1 Corinthians 15:12-28 | 23. Daniel 6:6-24      |
| 9. 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 | 24. Acts 4:5-22        |
| 10. 2 Corinthians 4:7-15  | 25. Acts 4:23-31       |
| 11. Ephesians 4:17-24     | 26. Acts 6:8-15        |
| 12. Colossians 3:1-17     | 27. Psalm 3:1-8        |
| 13. Psalm 19:7-14         | 28. Psalm 4:1-8        |
| 14. Psalm 119:1-16        | 29. Psalm 27:1-14      |
| 15. Psalm 119:33-48       | 30. Psalm 91:1-16      |

### WHAT'S NEXT

The night before Jesus was crucified, two of His disciples turned against Him. Judas betrayed Christ, leading His enemies to Him in the Garden (Luke 22:47-48). And Peter denied three times that he even knew the Lord (Luke 22:57-60).

But the difference in what they did next was enormous. Peter wept bitter tears of repentance and later was gently restored (Luke 22:62; John 21:15-17). Judas, however, hanged himself (Matthew 27:5).

When we commit a sin, the most important thing is what we do next. If we lose our temper and say something cruel to a family member, what do we do next? If we mistreat a co-worker, what do we do next? If we find we are dwelling on evil thoughts, what do we do next? To make excuses, to justify our bad behavior, to blame the other person, or to ignore God is only to add more sin to the first.

Perhaps as you've been reading this, the Holy Spirit has brought your attention to some sin in your life. If so, you're faced with a choice – to repent and confess it to God (1 John 1:9), or to continue denying that you have a sin problem. When you sin, don't compound it with another sin. Take it immediately to the Lord in prayerful confession. The most important thing is what you do next!

How are we to react to sin in our lives? READ 1 John 1:9  
What is the basis of our forgiveness? READ 1 John 2:1-2

### LADIES NIGHT OUT

The annual event for LADIES at Cornerstone is scheduled for Monday, May 18. **THE COLORS OF FAITH** is this year's theme. Every woman is invited to participate in this exciting evening. Watch for tickets to go on sale, beginning Sunday, April 12!

### YOUTH NEWS

#### DON'T FORGET!!

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** (grades 6-12) - WEDNESDAYS, 7-8:30 pm weekly (following the Mid-Week Worship Celebration)! Come and experience it! Bring your friends!!

**YOUTH SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP** - THURSDAYS at 7pm (EVERY YOUTH is invited!)

**YOUTH BIBLE FELLOWSHIP** - for Jr & Sr High - 9:30 am Sunday mornings

Worship Celebrations - Sundays at 8:15 and 10:45 am and Wednesdays at 6:30pm

#### PLEASE HELP US OUT!

#### EMPTY INKJET PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Please donate your empty inkjet printer cartridges to the youth group to be recycled. A container is placed in the **coat room** to receive your donations. KEEP THOSE CARTRIDGES COMING! We appreciate every bit of help we receive.

### CHILDREN'S NEWS

**COOL KIDS** - Children, 4 years old up through grade 3 are invited to participate in COOL Kids on Sunday mornings at both the 8:15 and 10:45 celebration services. Following the praise time and the reading of scripture in the Worship Center, kids are dismissed to ROOM 108. COOL Kids (Children Of Our Lord Kids) helps kids learn to celebrate Christ in a way they enjoy and become excited about.

**CAMP SANKANAC** - Junior Overnight Camping for children in 1st-5th grades – Friday-Saturday, May 1-2. Registrations are due Sunday, April 19. See your SS teacher or Mrs J--

**Vacation Bible School** - VBS will happen at Cornerstone from Sunday - Thursday, June 28 to July 2. The Children's Team is looking for folks who will help this year. If you can help with teaching, assisting, registration, refreshments, crafts, security, etc., please contact Melissa Alton or Dr. Jensen as soon as possible.

### A LITTLE EASTER

based on John 11:1-53

EASTER came early for Lazarus; according to John it came some nine chapters or three hundred verses earlier than the recorded account of our Lord's resurrection. But did it really? Was Lazarus resurrected before our Lord?

There are only three accounts of Jesus raising people from the dead in the four Gospels: the raising of Lazarus, the widow's son at Nain, and Jairus' daughter. But are they true resurrections from the dead? Are they preliminary "little Easters" before the main event?

It is safe to say that these raisings from the dead are signs pointing toward our Lord's resurrection, but there is a fundamental difference between the raising of Lazarus and the raising of our Lord. Lazarus was brought back to life true enough, but he was brought back to this life. Lazarus was summoned by

Christ to return to the same earthly life he had left behind when he died. This is an experience of resuscitation – not resurrection.

In the New Testament, resurrection is not being called back to this world; it is being called forward into a new world. Resurrection involves a radical change. As a caterpillar is changed into a butterfly, so resurrection changes us. Our old body returns to the dust-cocoon of the earth from which it breaks forth into a new life with a new and glorified body. God does not restore us to what we were; he makes of us a new creation.

Jesus, speaking of his own death, compares it with a grain of wheat which is dropped into the ground, dies, and then sprouts forth into a new crop with many grains. The image of a seed planted in the ground and then emerging in the new shape and form of a tender plant is what is understood within the New Testament as the process of resurrection. As a seed differs from a flower, so our bodies will differ from the glorified body we are to receive.

This vital difference between resuscitation and resurrection is supported by the fact that in our story, after Lazarus was raised from the dead, he returned to live at home with his sisters Mary and Martha. There, we can safely surmise, he lived to a ripe old age and died – again. He died because he had been resuscitated only, not resurrected. Resurrection gives us a new life that will never know death. Jesus tells us this in our Scripture found in John. He says, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

Now, even though Easter did not come early for Lazarus, he did have a full dress rehearsal of death, and the experience of being brought back to life. He had a dramatic foretaste of what is to come, and one might speculate that he faced his second death with less fear and more faith.

We might envy Lazarus' experience of being raised from the dead, but in reality we experience an even greater event of being raised from the dead every time we participate in or witness a baptism. For Christians, baptism is an "Easter come early." Baptism is more than a sign pointing to the resurrection and a new life that it is an experience of it. Baptism is our "little Easter." By this act we are given the new and resurrected life now! The moment we are baptized we enter into the new life Christ came to give because that new life is Christ himself.

In the Gospel of John, our Lord says to Mary and to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life." This is the basis of our belief in a life which is yet to come – this life we know now and experience now in Christ. To know Christ is to know the new life, and to be baptized into the Body of Christ is to possess forever this new life.

A mother whose son was missing in action faced the awful anxiety of not knowing if her son was dead or alive. In desperation she went to her pastor. He comforted her with the reassuring words, "There is only one thing of which we can be certain. If your son is alive, Christ is with him. If he is dead, he is with Christ."

To be with Christ – to be in him and he in us is life. It is the new life. It is the resurrected life. It is our eternal life. To be in Christ is to experience each day a "little Easter."

## FORGIVENESS

(Here is a letter that I received from a long-time Pastor friend. I have removed the personal parts, but I hope you will read the rest and take it to heart.)

"As I sit and study the Scriptures, I have been thinking of some of the key themes of this most holy season. One thing I believe we take away from the Easter experience is the importance and essential value of human forgiveness. As our Lord Jesus Christ spoke directly from his cross, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do," so do we need to practice Christian forgiveness as an essential part of the Easter experience. Let me say that I know how hard forgiveness is. Over the years I have been treated very badly by some persons. People can say and do terrible things; and often they fool themselves into the false belief that in so doing they are actually serving Christ, doing good. It reminds me of some terrible elixirs I had to take as a child "for my own good" – cod liver oil, sulfur drugs, castor oil, ipecac, were among the "cures" of my generation's childhood days. They may have worked, but the feelings of sickness just expanded.

Thus, I have been subjected to several painful adventures which left nothing but pain and a feeling of ill will, not just for me, but for others as well. I, too, have made many, many mistakes, have treated people wrongfully, have allowed pride to influence Christian principles, and have been anything but the perfect model of a Christian clergyman, or even a Christian. I have hurt people, talked down to them, have failed to see their crying need for real Christian ministry.

I am not very much like Jesus! I confess I am not what Christ would like for me to be! He never did anything that was not 100% right and holy in the eyes of God Almighty. Yet He forgave many who had not yet asked for His forgiveness. Perhaps they never would have asked!

The fact is that there are many who continue to harbor in their hearts the hot coals of every cause to be offended, every word that did not suit their sense of self. There are those who so hate being told they may be wrong, and they react by killing their relationship with the messenger. These persons have not forgiven, in spite of many, many apologies from various sources. And, nursing an unrequited feeling of having been wounded by another who has apologized is a form of Christian spiritual illness.

Many people go all through their lives and never ask anyone to forgive them. Somehow they are above it. But Christians are a community of those who willingly accept the fact that they are sinners, that at times they are blinded, that they have hurt other people, and that they seek God's forgiveness and the forgiveness of others.

Jesus said, "If you do not forgive the sins of others against you, then God will not forgive you of your sins against others." He was talking about the Day of Judgment at the very gates of heaven.

If Jesus Christ, tortured, beaten, lied about, embarrassed before the world, made the brunt of disgusting jokes, separated from his Father, suffering both physically and spiritually, could forgive them – cannot we do likewise?

Let this Easter be a time of broad acceptance of one another, and the redeemed in Christ. That will make it a High Holy Day, and a Joy unto us which will bring unexpected blessings!"

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- Barabbas
- Behold Thy Mother
- Behold Thy Son
- Betrayal
- Blood
- Caiaphas
- Calvary
- Centurion
- Coat
- Cock
- Cross
- Crown of Thorns
- Crucify
- Darkness
- Denial

- Earthquake
- Eli Eli Lama Sabachthani
- False Witnesses
- Gave up the Ghost
- Gethsemane
- Golgotha
- Greek
- Hebrew
- Herod
- I Thirst
- It is Finished
- Jesus
- Jews
- Judas
- King of the Jews

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- Lots Casted
- Malefactors
- Mary
- Mary Magdalene
- Mockery
- Nails
- Ninth Hour
- Paradise
- Peter
- Pilate
- Potter's Field
- Praetorium
- Salome
- Scarlet Robe

- Scourging
- Simon
- Sixth Hour
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- Spear
- The Pavement
- Thirty Pieces of Silver
- Three Days
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- Trial
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