

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## *Easter and the Significance of Christ's Resurrection*

Each spring, millions of people around the world acknowledge, in some fashion or another, that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead some twenty centuries ago. Modern society calls it “Easter.”

The origin of this term is uncertain. It is thought to derive from Eastre, the name of a Teutonic spring goddess. “Easter,” in the King James Version of the bible (Acts 12:4), is a mistranslation. The Greek word is *pascha*, correctly rendered “Passover” in later translations. In fact, though *pascha* is found twenty-nine times in the Greek New Testament, it is only rendered “Easter” once, even in the KJV.

Christians are not authorized to celebrate Easter as a special annual event acknowledging the resurrection of Christ. Faithful Christians reflect upon the Savior's resurrection every Sunday (cf. John 20:1ff) as they gather to worship God in the regular assembly of the church (cf. Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2).

We ought to be glad, however, that multitudes usually caught up in pursuits wholly materialistic will take some time for reflection upon the event of the Savior's resurrection. It is appropriate that Christians take advantage of this circumstance; we should be both willing and able to explain to our friends—at least those who have some reverence for Christianity—the significance of the Lord's resurrection.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the foundation of the Christian system (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:14ff). If there was no resurrection, Christianity is a hoax, and we are wasting our time. But the truth is that the event of Jesus' resurrection is incontrovertible. Professor Thomas Arnold of Rugby, a world-renowned historian, once said that Christ's resurrection from the dead is the “best attested fact in human history”. This being the case, just what is the significance of Jesus' resurrection? Think about these matters.

First, the resurrection is a major evidence that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Paul affirmed that Christ is “declared to be the Son of God with power...by the resurrection from the dead” (Romans 1:4)

Second, Jesus' resurrection is an assurance that we can have forgiveness of sins. Paul contended: “If Christ hath not been raised, our faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins” (I Corinthians 15:17). The reverse of this would be: if Jesus was raised, sins will be forgiven when we obey the gospel (Acts 2:38; 22:16).

Third, the resurrection tells the world that the kingdom of God is ruled by a living sovereign. The founder of Islam is dead and his bones lie dormant in the earth. But the founder of Christianity—sixty years after his death—appeared to John on the island of Patmos and said: “I am the first and the last, and the Living one; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore” (Revelations 1:17-18).

Fourth, Jesus' resurrection proves that physical death is not the termination of human existence. God, the giver of life (I Timothy 6:13) has the power to reanimate the human body. Christ's triumph over the grave is Heaven's pledge to us that we too shall be raised. This is why Jesus is referred to as the “first fruits of them that are asleep” (I Corinthians 15:20-23).

Fifth, the Lord's resurrection previewed the ultimate victory of Christianity over all its enemies. In the book of Revelation, Jesus is depicted as a lamb that had been slain, but was standing again (5:6). The same Lord was “the lion of the tribe of Judah” that had overcome his

foes (5:5). Christians too will overcome as a result of the Lamb's sacrifice and victory over death (cf. Rev. 12:11).

The resurrection of the Son of God should be a constant reminder to us of these wonderful biblical truths. We honor our Master's victory over death—not, once a year, but every week.

Wayne Jackson

### ***Prayer Request***

**Kathy Marshall** underwent surgery last Tuesday to have stones removed from both kidneys. Keep Kathy in your prayers that she recuperates very well from the surgery.

**Betty Branson** is scheduled to have cataract eye surgery on Tuesday, April 6th. Please keep her in your prayers that the procedure will go well and that she has a speedy recovery.

**Cody Guynn** (son of Doug and Kim) is in need of prayers that he receives the best medical care to help him get better as soon as possible.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Doug Guynn** is home from having tests done in Ft. Worth. We need to keep him in our daily prayers that he will receive the best treatments possible to help heal his cancer.

Also, **Terresia Weaver** is in need of our prayers as she begins medical treatment and possible surgery for her cancer. May she also have a very successful outcome with whatever treatment is decided upon.

**Diane Salinas** had a stem cell transplant last week. She is the niece of Sylvia Campos who is fighting cancer. Please continue to keep Diane in your prayers that she will be able to win this battle with cancer.

Please continue to keep **LaDonna Chism** in your daily prayers that she may get to feeling better real soon. LaDonna is struggling with breathing problems at this time.

### ***Prayer List***

Maria Anaya; Wayne Anderson; Petra Baca; Betty Brooks; Bill & Mary Brown; Abessa Chavez; Jon Cooper; Doug Dowell; Kim Drake; Andrew Durfee; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Tim Garvin; Hattie Gilmore; Irma Gomez; Paul Gunn; Cody Guynn; Doug Guynn; Opal Hager; Phil Halbert; Liz Leach; Mildred Lee; Betty Leeth; Miguel Lozano; Vanessa Machuca; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Charlene McFatter; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Rudy Ochoa; Wanda Perkins; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Corina Rodriguez; David Ryan; Diane Salinas; Gary Schwulst; Bill Tate; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Luke Wells; Janet Wesson; Carolyn Wilkerson; Charles Wood; John Wood.

### ***Eisenhower's Shut-ins***

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

### ***Youth***

Bible Quiz Question ...

In Jesus' parable of the wheat and tares, why did the owner not want the tares gathered up before the harvest?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

When Elisha learned that Jericho had bad water, he made it better by tossing in about a bowl full of salt water. (2 Kings 2:21)

**Events** Watch "*In Search of the Lord's Way*" Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

## Thank You

Dear Brothers & Sisters, I received the results from my tests yesterday. I have colon cancer. I do not have any other details. I plan to lean on Jesus, family & friends. Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray for me. God Bless You, Terresia Weaver

## Office News

Our second “Singing Workshop” with Myron Bruce is scheduled for April 24-25.

The New Mexico Christian Children’s Home will be here June 2nd. They are requesting **Taco Seasoning Packets**. They also accept monetary donations.

## Food for thought...

It’s very easy for parents to hear themselves talking. All they have to do is listen to their children.

### Where Are Your Interests/Affections?

The Apostle Paul wrote the Colossae brethren (which likewise applies to each follower of Christ today):

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory (Colossians 3:1-4).

God’s children, Christians, will focus on “things above”; notice the imperative to seek and set.

**What Will I Do When My Affections Are Above?** Obviously, I will think about heavenly things. I will study and grow in knowledge about eternal matters. I will read books, periodicals and related works that will further develop me spiritually. I will attend worship services and take other opportunities to learn more about Christ and my service to Him. I will hunger and pursue any avenue that will bring me closer to my Lord.

**What Will I Do When My Affections Are Not Above?** Tragically I will likely be most interested in things of the world, concentrating on earthly activities and spending my time, money and energy on temporary matters that soon will be gone. Choose wisely!

—Bulletin Digest

## April 4, 2021

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Cody Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Oliver Hernandez	Miguel Lozano
Second Prayer	Don Easlon	Jacob Carson
Closing Prayer	Gary Loving	Josh Weakland
Lords Supper		Bill Ryan
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	Craig Wesson	Communion (In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990 – *Deacon:* Jr. Munoz 212-2231 – *Pulpit:* Jacob Carson 940-3775– *Table:* Bill Ryan 352-4871– *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990– *Recording Sermons:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332 – *Collections:* Tommy Garcia

## **Sunday AM**

“Let Us Remember”  
(Acts 1:1-3)

## **Sunday PM**

“Lamentations” (Part 2)  
(Jeremiah 7:28)

## **Our Records**

Bible Class – 55  
Morning Worship 80  
Evening Worship 56  
Wednesday... 65  
Contribution... \$3,580.00