

Old Testament Easter...

Most of us, looking for the Easter story, turn to the last few chapters of the gospels located at the start of the New Testament. Yet the Old Testament contains many references to the story of Good Friday and Easter. See which of the following predictions you are familiar with.



1. "My God, my God, why have you _____ me?" ~ Psalm 22:1
2. "So I took the thirty _____ of _____ and threw them into the _____ of the LORD to the _____." ~ Zechariah 11:13b
3. "Into your hands I _____ my _____" ~ Psalm 31:5
4. "They _____ my garments among them and _____ for my clothing." ~ Psalm 22:18
5. "He protects all his _____, not one of them will be _____." ~ Psalm 34:20
6. He was _____ a grave with the _____, and with the _____ in his death, though he had done no _____, nor was any _____ in his mouth." ~ Isaiah 53:9
7. And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a _____ of _____ and _____" ~ Zechariah 12:10

(All quotes are from NIV translation)

The old saying goes...

"Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday. Well yesterday was great, today is even better and tomorrow is coming to a theatre near you.

~ Statler Brothers



Anarchy vs. Democracy

Where anarchy is the willful force of one's self-interest onto the weak by the strong, democracy is anarchy practiced with rules!

CELEBRATE WITH US!

MBBC's 150th Anniversary – Sunday April 23rd 3pm.

Where Christ is cherished, family is loved and everyone is family!



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**Join us each Sunday
for Worship...**

3 p.m. worship and praise

22243 Allan Road

(@Adelaide Road) South of Mt Brydges

Thot: "It's in the celebration of Easter that the Law of God shows our great need; that only the Grace of God can supply. That need is met always in God's Son, Jesus."

~ Unknown

Heaven Bound

As we travel on life's highway
Do we often look behind?
Remember your past failures
Not keeping God in mind.

Do we lose sight of the goal,
God set for you and me?
We need to become more like
Jesus as He sets us free.

Be content in your life,
And give to others in need,
He will give strength, peace and
blessings
In abundance and you will succeed.
Keep your mind from earthly things
because
Our citizenship is in heaven above,
He will change our lowly bodies to
be more
Like Him as He showers us with His
love.

Remember Jesus as we run this race
for He
Endured the cross bearing our sin
and shame;
We need to continue to spread the
light
To praise and glorify His name.

By Kim Lang

"Run with perseverance; never call it quits in pursuing Jesus" (Our Daily Bread)

Knocking Down Walls...

The Pastor stopped around the Sunday School class of the Grade two's and began quizzing the students to test the effectiveness of the teachers.

"Who knocked down the walls of Jericho?" He asked one of the boys. "It sure wasn't me, Reverend," the lad replied.

Turning to the embarrassed teacher, the pastor exclaimed, "I suppose that's a sample of the kind of discipline you maintain."

"Now Reverend," the teacher answered, "Tommy's a good boy and doesn't tell lies. If he said that he didn't do it, I believe him."

Thoroughly upset, the pastor took the matter to the Church Council. After much consideration the Council responded: "We see no point in making this an issue. The church will repair the wall and write the damage off to vandalism." The pastor wept.



Something to Think About...

"I have seen your salvation which you have made ready for every people—a light to show truth to the Gentiles and bring glory to your people Israel." ~ Luke 2:30-32.

Salvador Dalí's *Madonna* painting allows you to see different images based on your proximity to the canvas. Viewed up close, the grey and pink dots are abstract, but from a distance of six feet, an image of Mary and Jesus emerges. Viewed from an even greater distance — fifty feet — the painting looks like a giant ear; Dalí himself called it, "the ear of an angel." Perspective really does affect what we see and our understanding of what we perceive.

For the devout, righteous Simeon it was up close and personal when he met Jesus in the temple of Jerusalem when Jesus was presented to the Lord in accordance with the Jewish customs. One day the Holy Spirit led the old man to the temple where he "took the child in his arms" and praised God. Simeon had the privilege to count the fingers and toes and to see the face of the child who would be salvation for both Jew and gentile.

In contrast we today lack Simeon's up-close view of Jesus. Yet though we can't hear His human voice, or touch Him physically, or watch as He reaches out to those who come to Him for healing and see the blind receive their sight, the lame walking and the dead raised from the grave, what we can look back and see is the bigger picture of His coming. We see Jesus' arrival as witnessed by angels, shepherds and

wisemen. We see the early years when Jesus met at the age of 12 and astounded the teachers in the temple with His understanding; we watch the shaping of His Apostles from common, ruff-hewn folk into spirit-filled missionaries of the gospel carrying on Jesus' ministry. And not only can we grieve with those who first witnessed His death on the cross of Calvary, dying as one scorned and shamed, rejected as a sinner lost and separated from God, but we see past that first Good Friday and rejoice in the Good News that Jesus is alive! Yes, we see the resurrection as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. In spite of all the callous crowd of today might suggest is logical in this twenty-first century culture, people everywhere have every reason to believe that God would send His Chosen One — just as He promised to be our salvation.

The big-picture view of Jesus' life shows us God is not only "mighty" but "entirely faithful" [Psalm 89:8]. Writer Jennifer Schuldt tells us "When God makes a promise, He keeps it." Because of the perspective we have been given through the history of God's interaction with His people, why shouldn't we trust what the Bible says about future events? Scriptures which forecast God's future plan are trustworthy. Jesus will return to earth. One day, we *will* enjoy life in a place where we're completely safe from evil surrounded by all that is pure and holy, where no evil thing exists. The curse will be lifted; we'll reign with God forever.

Rightly, our Easter celebrations are a time of rejoicing, praising God for the resurrection of His Son Jesus whom death could not hold; but it is also our celebration that through Jesus you and I and all who believe in Him have the assurance of salvation and to life eternal with our Heavenly Father.

A light shone in the darkness many years ago and continues to cast its light over the darkness of our world today. We are the ones who must open our eyes and see; open to have the perspective that such life shows God's truth to our hearts and changes our lives — forevermore!

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday April 2nd – Communion
Monday April 3, 10, 17 & 24 –
Bible Study on Hebrews at 8771
Parkhouse Drive (Mt Brydges)
3:30 – 4:30 pm

Saturday April 8th 8:30 am
Men's Breakfast (FBC Strathroy)
Scott Hadskis - Camp Hermosa

Friday April 14 @ 10 am –
Walk of Witness Mt Brydges

Sunday April 16 - EASTER!
11 am @ FBC Strathroy
(Combined service)

Sunday April 23rd 3pm
MBBC 150TH Anniversary
Rev. Dr. Brian McKenzie speaking.
Music by Grace!