

Through His Eyes

Young Andrew was watching his father, a minister, write a sermon for the Easter service on Sunday morning.

'How do you know what to say?' Andrew asked.

'Why, God tells me', the father replied.

'Oh, well then why do you keep crossing things out?'



Maria Told Her Mother Gladly

Maria came home from Sunday School one Sunday and told her mother that she had learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named **Gladly**. It took her mother a while before she realised that the hymn Maria had been singing was really: "*Gladly The Cross I'd Bear*."



Let us pray...

Quotes for Easter

- ❖ **Easter Peace:** It does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart. - Author unknown
- ❖ Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life. ~ S.D. Gordon
- ❖ Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up. - Jesse Jackson



An Act of Kindness!

The neighbour of a four-year-old child was an elderly gentleman, who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old Gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbour, the little boy just said, 'Nothing, I just helped him cry.'

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



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The Joy of Easter

All of our sins were carried by Christ as
He died upon the cross that day;
He arose from the grave and we were
reconciled with God as He opened the
way.

He willingly took this burden for you
and me,

He forgives our sins and gives us
eternal inheritance of life forever in
heaven if we have faith in Thee.

We were not saved by our good works
but we are saved by grace,
Jesus would like us to imitate Himself
as a faithful servant as we continue our
race.

We must be ready, as Jesus is coming
back again,

We need to trust Him as our personal
Saviour and spread the word until then.

Christ showed His love by giving His
life at Calvary,

What a joy we have as we celebrate all
He has done and we should let God's
will control our lives completely.

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**"At the end of the day, love
and compassion will win."**

- Terry Waite



Join us each Sunday for Worship

11 a.m. Worship and Praise

20 Centre Street W., Strathroy, Ontario

That: "There's no better day than today to enter God's family."

~ Our Daily Bread

Short Spring Jokes...

When do monkeys fall from the sky?

During Ape-ril showers!

Can February March?

No, but April May!

Why's everyone so tired on April 1st?

Because they've just finished a long, 31 day March!

What flower grows on faces?

Tulips (Two-lips)!

Why are trees so forgiving?

Because in the Fall they "Let it all go" and in the Spring they "turn over a new leaf".



Something To Think About..

"(God) commands all people everywhere to repent because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead."

~ Acts 17:30b-31.

Talk to anyone in today and they'll likely suggest humankind can do whatever they've a mind to do. Think of our accomplishments in the last couple of decades with computers, space exploration, medical advancements and world-wide communication (Cell phones are literally everywhere!). Yet the nightly news is filled with reports of high school shootings, bombings, terrorist attacks, carnage on our highways and the effects of stress and depression on our young people.

Maybe what our sophisticated world needs is to step back in history some 2,000 years to hear again the events of Jesus, God's Son, being raised from the dead. To hear again of the empty tomb, the transformed lives of the followers and the joy that flooded our world as the gospel was heard in Jerusalem, Samaria, and every corner of the world. Maybe we can recognize that what the Bible tells us happened really did – they saw the physically resurrected Jesus with their own eyes (not just experiencing him "in their hearts" as some modern-day skeptics suggest. These disciples experienced a great spiritual awakening because of Jesus' great sacrifice *and subsequent resurrection* that spurred them on to preach the Good News about Him. There's isn't any way for those followers of Jesus to have gotten away with their message in those first years following the resurrection

if it wasn't true. But there were many witnesses who could testify that they too had seen Jesus.

So our question remains, can we today accept the miracle that all our scientific, masterful, computer-aided minds have been unable to copy? Yes we can!

The Bible says that God came to earth taking on the form of man, humbling Himself to pay the penalty of death for the sins of the world (John 1:1-29; Romans 6:23). The Bible also tells us if Jesus hadn't overpowered death's grip to escape that cold, rocky tomb, He couldn't provide us victory over death (1 Corinthians 15:12-19)

At the heart of such belief lies the eternal destiny of every one of us. We can live forever under God's merciful blessings with Him in heaven, or we can choose to suffer endlessly under Satan's devastating tyranny. It all depends on what we do with Jesus and His resurrection.

In a historical sense, the resurrection stands on just as solid ground as all our historical records of events in our world's past. In many instances, historical "facts" about our heritage are based on far less recorded information than the accounts we still have of the biblical Jesus, His ministry, and the eye witness accounts of His resurrection.

Even so many fail to believe. To make such a decision a person must not only reject eyewitness evidence, reject the absence of a body for Jesus, reject the demonstrative change to the disciples, the converts, and to the world of its day, but must make an even greater leap...

Such a person must, in rejecting the resurrection, and then reject everything Jesus said and did,

and reject the entirety of the scriptures which testify of Him – Genesis through Revelation. Claiming that Christ was a great teacher or a prophet (as even most unbelievers attest) while rejecting His resurrection is an impossible position.

Several women at the tomb, John & Peter who ran to the tomb, the disciples in the upper room, and the disciples on the road to Emmaus – they can't all be wrong.

Mark your Calendar...

1 Apr 18 - EASTER & Communion
Sunday

3 Apr 18 - Women's Mission
Encounter Group 1:30 pm

14 Apr 18 – Men's Breakfast 8:30 am

24 Apr 18 - Women's Friendship
Group 2 pm

YOUTH MEETS TUESDAYS @ 6:30 pm

Each Wednesday

Prayer & Bible Study 2p.m.

(Location announced each week)