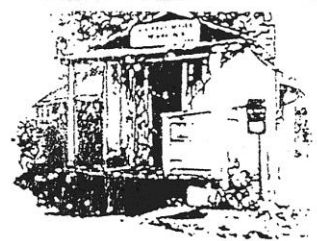




The Acmar Soul Miner

*Searching for wisdom
As for hidden treasures...
For the Lord gives wisdom*



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The Color Red

Red is a vibrant color in God's creation. It is the first or the upper most color in the rainbow spectrum. Red has the longest wave length among all the colors of the rainbow.

While stunning in God's creation, red doesn't always naturally occur in our creations.

How do you put the vibrant color of an apple or a cardinal into a T-shirt or lipstick? In early times, the red pigment was made from clay or red rocks.

In the 1400's the Aztecs invented a way of using cochineal insects to make red dye. Today, those same tiny insects supply the world with red.

In the Bible, red denotes royalty, and it also signifies, sin and shame. Further, it's the color of blood.

Soldiers stripped Jesus and put a scarlet robe on Him. (Matthew 27:28)

With their action, the three symbolisms merged into one heartbreaking image of red:

- ★ Jesus was ridiculed as would-be-royalty.
- ★ He was cloaked in shame.
- ★ He was robed in the color of the blood He would soon shed.

When the soldiers had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on Jesus' head, and a reed in His right hand.

They bowed the knee and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews." Then they spat on Him... (Matthew 27:29-30)

The prophet Isaiah's words foretell the promise of the crimsoned Jesus to deliver us from the red that stains us:

Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow. (Isaiah 1:18)

One other thing about those cochineal insects used for red dye – they are actually milky white on the outside. Only when they are crushed do they release their red blood. That little fact echoes for us other words from Isaiah 53:5: ***Jesus was crushed for our iniquities.***

Jesus, who knew no sin, is here to save us who are red with sin. You see, in His crushing death on the cross, Jesus endured a whole lot of red so you could be white as snow. ¹

White has no hue or color. White objects reflect and scatter all the visible wavelengths of light. Symbolically, white is associated with cleanliness and purity or perfection.

As the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

Behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.

His countenance was like lighting, and his clothing as white as snow.

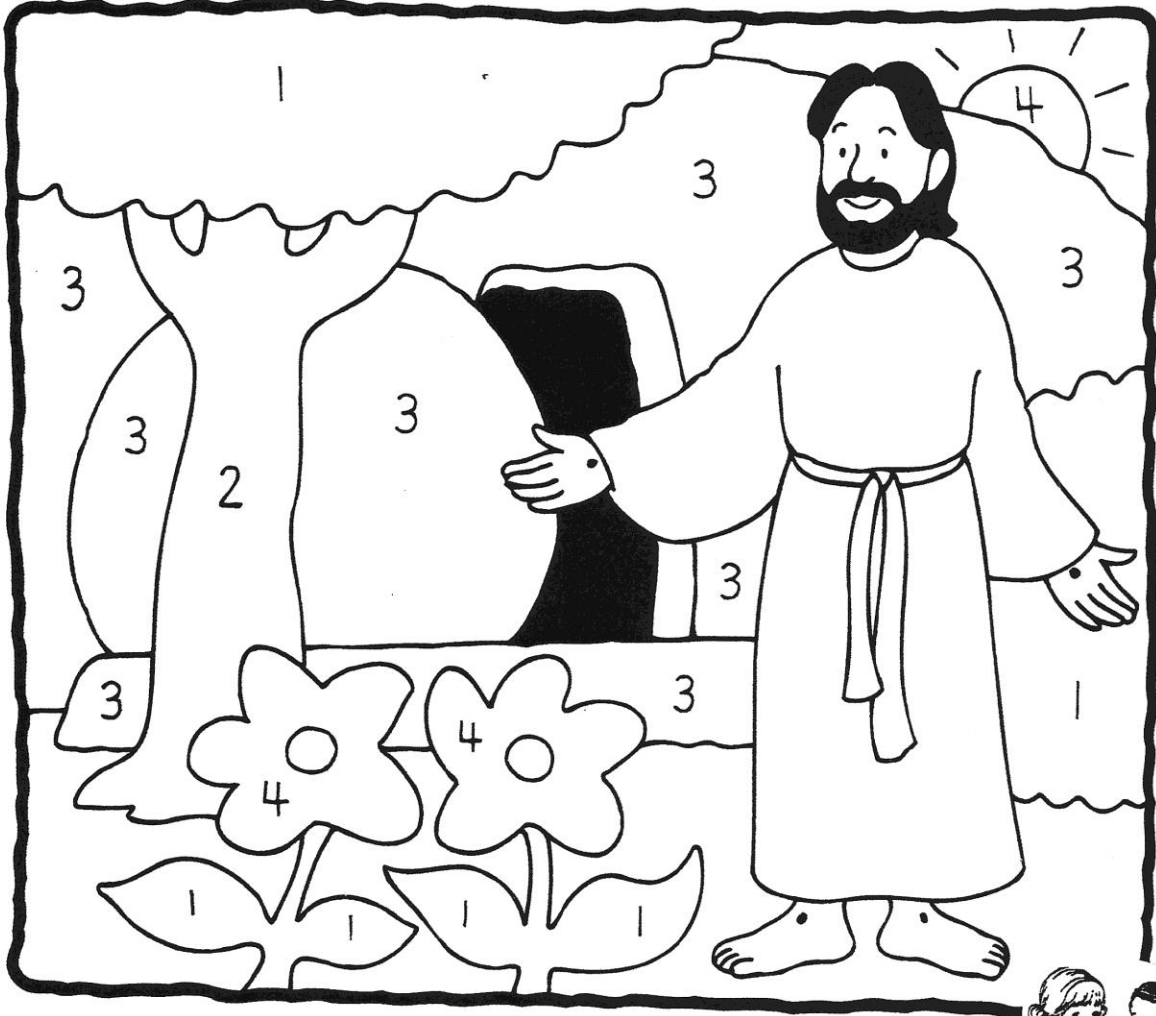
The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said." (Matthew 28:1-3, 5-6)

¹ *Our Daily Bread* January/ February/ March 2024. Kenneth Petersen. "Jesus' Blood." Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

Children's Camp

Gospel Light's Big Book of Kindergarten Puzzles #2.

Color the picture by using the correct colored crayon for each numbered space.



The wisdom of God.
We see it in verses but sometimes we have
to dig to uncover the meaning.

Look Here:
*The angel told the women at the tomb,
"Jesus is not here; for He is risen from
the dead, as He said." (Matthew 28:7)*

Digging In:
Jesus died on the cross for our sins.
Jesus said that He would rise from the dead.

Sunday morning women went to the tomb.
An angel in bright white clothing, told them,
"Jesus is risen from the dead."
Jesus came to the women saying, "Rejoice!"

The Acmar Community Quilt

The week leading up to Easter is sometimes referred to as Holy Week. It begins with Palm Sunday which remembers Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as He rode on a donkey and the crowd lined the road with palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!" meaning "Save us now!"

The Great Three Days are from sunset Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Silent Saturday through sunset Easter Day. Easter Sunday is the victorious celebration of Resurrection.















At Acmar we have Holy Thursday or Maundy Thursday Worship. The title Maundy, "*mandatum novum*" in Latin, recalls the "new commandment" that Jesus gave: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (John 13:24-35). It is also Worship with Holy Communion. It was on this night that Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to the disciples saying, "Take eat; this is My body." Jesus also took the cup and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the covenant, which is shed for the forgiveness of sin" (Matthew 26:26-28).

At Acmar we also include a Tenebrae or "Darkness" observance. On the altar table there are fifteen lit candles with the Christ candle being the tallest. With the Passion of the Christ music in the background there are passion readings from John 18:1 – 19:42. The readings take us through the betrayal, arrest, trial, crucifixion and burial of Jesus. At designated reading breaks, a person from the congregation is called upon to extinguish a candle. This continues until the last candle, the Christ candle, is extinguished. Worshipers leave in silence and darkness with the anticipation to gather on Sunday morning to rejoice with,

"Christ the Lord is Risen!"



March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BIBLE STUDY 10 a Wednesday March 6, 13 March 20, 27	Louie Giglio DVD "Goliath Must Fall"	Winning the Battle Against Your Giants			1	2  Emily Sims
3 CHURCH 9 am	4  Dava Walker	5	6 BIBLE STUDY 10 a MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel	7	8	9
10 CHURCH 9 DAYLIGHT SAVING Clock Spring Forward 1 hr	11	12	13  BIBLE STUDY 10 am	14 MOODY BINGO 10 a  Ron Smith Dennis Griffin	15	16
17  CHURCH 9 a ST. PATRICK'S	18	19  SPRING	20 BIBLE STUDY 10 a MCA 3-5 p White's Chapel	21  Chloe Byrd	22 	23  Melody June Lamphear
24  Church 9 am Palm Sunday	25	26	27  BIBLE STUDY 10 a	28 MAUNDY Worship 6 p  Steven Lamphear	29  Debbie Bosworth Michael Wilson	30
31  EASTER 9 a Special Off. MCA					Audio Sermon Podcasts On Website	<i>Soul Miner</i> on the Website in Gallery

Mon., February 26
Tue., February 27
Wed., February 28
Thur., February 29
Fri., March 1
Sat., March 2

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-21
Psalm 119:1-6
Romans 8:32-39

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Left onto Old Acton Rd., Church is on the left

Mon., March 4
Tue., March 5
Wed., March 6
Thur., March 7
Fri., March 8
Sat., March 9

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21
Ephesians 3:14-19
1 Corinthians 12:4-11



Mon., March 18
Tue., March 19
Wed., March 20
Thur., March 21
Fri., March 22
Sat., March 23

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Zechariah 9:9
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 11:1-11
Ecclesiastes 9:7-12
Psalm 139:1-12

Mon., March 11
Tue., March 12
Wed., March 13
Thur., March 14
Fri., March 15
Sat., March 16

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33
Hebrews 11:1-16
Psalm 91:1-16

Mon., March 25
Tue., March 26
Wed., March 27
Thur., March 28
Fri., March 29
Sat., March 30

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8
Mark 14:12-26
John 19:38-42