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**HE IS RISEN**

*No doubting Thomas would I be,  
With eyes of flesh demand to see  
His pierced feet, His riven side.*

*The Son of God cannot be dead.  
Nay! He is risen, as He said,  
Who for my sins was crucified.*

*O death, but passing is thy sting;  
O grave, no vict'ry canst thou sing,  
For Christ arose at Eastertide!*

*And when my earthly tale is told,  
I know I shall with joy behold  
The Christ of Calv'ry glorified!*

—ANN HARVEY



**Calvary**

**passover room**

## "YOU CAN'T JUDGE A DAY BY ITS WEATHER

I read a story the other day about a little boy, the youngest in the family, who when asked to say grace at the table on a very disagreeable day prayed, "Dear God, thank you for this food and for this beautiful day, Amen"; then promptly began eating his meal. His Father reprimanded him for his insincerity in prayer and one of his brothers came up with, "what a jerk! — thanking God for a beautiful day in weather like this." But the little boy seemed unperterbed and shrugged it off with, "Well, you can't judge a day by its weather!"

It brought back memories of something quite related that happened in the early years of our marriage, when we were staying with some close personal friends during a revival we were conducting in their community. The man of the house announced one evening that he was going fishing the next day if the sun was shining. We were awakened early the next morning by his humming as he went about getting his fishing gear together even though it was a dreadful day with snow falling outside and there seemed to be no prospect of seeing the sun. When my husband asked him about his statement of the night before, he just smiled and said, "The sun is shining up there, you can be sure of that, but we just can't see it." And off he went to fish.

Everyone talks about the weather, and we often let it govern our moods and attitudes; but it really has very little to do with whether a day is beautiful or not. The day of the crucifixion of Jesus was a dark and gloomy day, darkness reigned from the sixth to the ninth hour, the earth rocked and reeled with a mighty earthquake and the veil of the temple was rent from top to bottom. But out of all of this arose a most beautiful, glorious day, for the price of our redemption from the curse of sin was paid in full. Even the day of His resurrection started out on an ominous note as the women came while it was yet dark to anoint the body of Jesus, but the darkness and their despair did not prevent "The Light of the World", Jesus, our Saviour, from rising from the dead. The angel told them, "He is not here- He is risen! — ALIVE FOREVERMORE! ! ! What wonderful news! What a glorious day! — And because He lives, we too can live, and because He lives we can face tomorrow, with whatever it holds for us, victoriously, with our hand clasp safely in His. Yes Sir- even in our darkest hours His sun is still shining and amidst the gloom and despair He lets the rays penetrate through to warm our souls. What do they say? — Out of the mouth of babes? You really can't judge a day by its weather!! — no more than you can judge a book by its cover or a man by his clothes. It takes a deeper look to discover the real message in a book, the real heart of a man or the real beauty of a day. God's sun is always shining and we can see it if we look by faith's eye. Because He lives IT IS A BEAUTIFUL DAY.

"This is the day which the Lord hath made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it." Ps. 118: 24

N. R. B.

## BACK FROM THE TOMB

On a dark night in 1803 the slaves in their little cabins on a Virginia plantation were quiet, for the master's wife, mother of his three children, was dying. Since burials were fast in the South at that time, the young wife was laid to rest by next afternoon in the family vault under the great house.

Her husband retired to his room there to sorrow in silence. Only the sister of the deceased was left to carry on the duties of the great plantation.

When evening came, though she knew no one would eat, she went down into the food cellar, next to the long passage which led to the burial vaults. There, in the dim light, she suddenly stood petrified. From the burial vaults came the sound of hollow pounding!

The sister screamed. In a moment heavy footsteps beat down the stairs and the husband burst into the cellar.

Again came the sound, unmistakable beating of fists upon a coffin lid. The husband with one bound broke open the door to the burial vault, rushed to the coffin, and yanked off the lid. A white-clad figure sat up, reached out lily-white arms and clasped them around his neck-

Amazing as it may seem, the young wife was alive. Victim of a strange coma known as catalepsy, she had been buried alive. She regained her health to bring joy once more to the great plantation. Four years later she gave birth to a son who became a great military genius, General Robert E. Lee!

Even more thrilling, all who die in Christ will actually some day come out of empty tombs, all because of Christ's empty tomb, and loved ones will be reunited.

— Leslie B. Flynn in National Voice  
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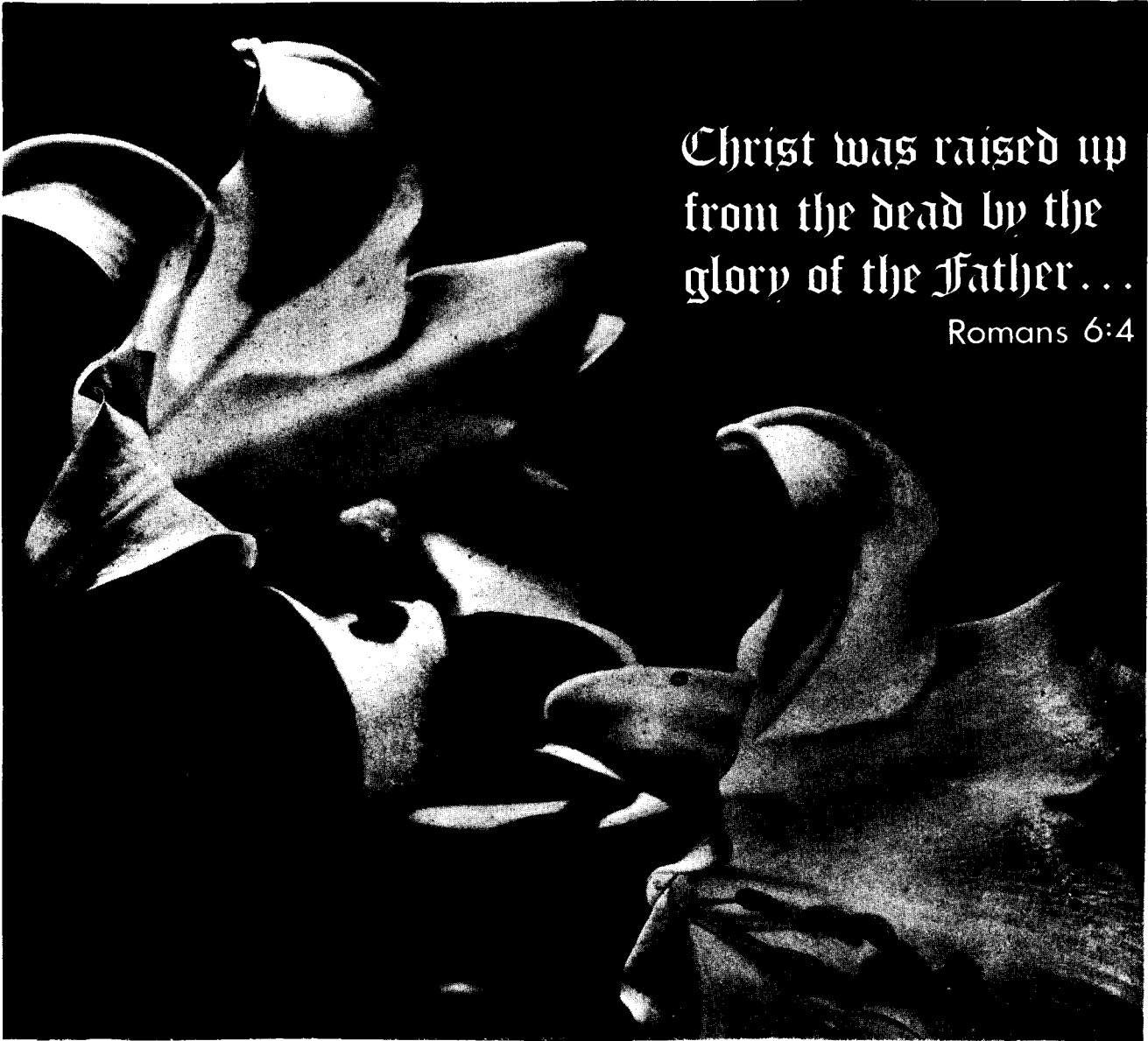
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Christ was raised up  
from the dead by the  
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Romans 6:4

### EASTER PRAYER

Lord, make my heart a garden,  
As real a place of prayer  
As was night-hushed Gethsemane  
When Jesus suffered there.

Make it a place of flowers  
Whose fragrant cups distill  
The dews of living water  
Ensweetened in Thy will.

Plant there the trees of kindness,  
Where all who look above  
May find the shadows softened  
By sunshine of Thy love.

Fill it with Easter gladness  
As fresh and new as spring.  
Keep it the clean, pure dwelling  
Of Christ, the risen King.

— Esther Baldwin York

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by Harrol Waterbury



On November 29, 1971, my wife and I joined the Revival Fires tour group at Kennedy Airport in New York City for a tour of the Holy Land, and Athens and Corinth in Greece. Some of the real pleasures of the trip came as a result of being with a small group of close personal friends, Jim and LaMoyne Fox of Balko, Melvin and Dorothy Scott, Gene and Texanna Allen of Katy, and Terry and Gwen Odom of Perryton. There was a total of 256 altogether on the tour, but the ten of us were all in a smaller group of 44 during the entire tour.

Our flight over on a KLM 747 was quite an experience since it was the first close look that most of us had had at the big airplane. Our first stop out of New York was in Amsterdam, Holland, where we changed planes to continue via Rome to LOD Airport in Tel Aviv, Israel, where we went through customs and boarded buses for Jerusalem, arriving after the midnight hour.

Our first tour day was Wednesday, December 1. It began with a trip to the Garden of the Tomb on Mt. Olives for a worship and communion service. Mt. Olives affords a nice panoramic view of Jerusalem across the Kidron Valley. In the evening, we entered the Old City of Jerusalem through St. Stephen's Gate. We visited the Pool of Bethesda, the Temple area including the Dome of the Rock, and the Wailing Wall. On our return walking tour of the Old City, we followed the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and then back to the hotel for dinner.

Our guide suggested to us, as we were at the Wailing Wall, that we return there the following Friday evening about 5:00 P. M. "if we really wanted to catch the atmosphere of the place." So, the Allens, the Foxes, and Barbara and I returned to witness what turned out to be one of the most unforgettable experiences of the trip.

(Picture is of Jim and La Moyne Fox, Melvin and Dorothy Scott, Gene and Texanna Allen, Harrol and Barbara Waterbury and Terry and Gwen Odom on the Sea of Galilee.

We had to walk some distance after leaving the taxi outside the city wall and entering through the Dung Gate. Long before we could view the area, we could hear the tide of human voices as it ebbed and flowed. What we saw as we came into the area was many thousands of Jews at the Wall, chanting, singing, praying, and wailing. Their cry was for restoration, peace, and Messiah's return. My own feeling, as we mingled with the crowd on the outside fringes, was that I had been privileged to witness the SPIRIT of Israel. I confess that the experience was sacred and awe-inspiring.

The second tour day took us to the Upper Room, Mt. Zion, the room of the Last Supper, David's Tomb, then to the Shrine of the Book, and on to Tin Karem to the birthplace of John the Baptist.

After lunch at the hotel, we visited the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Nearby we visited Solomon's Pool and on to the Shepherds Fields for a worship service before returning to the hotel in Jerusalem for dinner.

On Friday, December 3, we made a trip down to ancient Jericho where we saw Elisha's Fountain and from a distance, could view the Mt. of Temptation in the Wilderness of Judea where Jesus fasted forty days and nights and was tempted of Satan.

We proceeded on to the Salt Sea or Sea of the Plain, commonly called the Dead Sea. Here we saw a herd of camels and for a fee, we took a very short camel ride for the benefit of picture taking.

We spent the afternoon shopping and late in the evening re-visited the Wailing Wall which I previously described.

On Saturday, we left Jerusalem for the Sea of Galilee. Enroute we saw the Biblical sites of Bethel and Shiloh. Nearby Nablus, which is the site of ancient Shechem, we visited Jacob's Well, viewed the mountains of Blessing and Cursing, and then went on to Nazareth for lunch.

We viewed Mt. Tabor, the site of the transfiguration, then on by Cana where the first miracle of Jesus took place, continued via the Horns of Hattin to the Jordan River for a baptismal service, and on to our hotel in Tiberias for dinner and an overnight stay.

Sunday morning we had worship and communion at the Mount of Beatitudes. Our bus ride from the service to Capernaum took us by Magdala and Tabgha. According to the prophecy of Jesus, Capernaum is still nothing but ruins. Capernaum was the "home town" of Jesus during His public ministry.

At Capernaum our party boarded three small vessels for a boat ride to Ein Gev for lunch. The menu was "St. Peter's trout", very delicious.

From Ein Gev, we drove to Haifa. Our visit in this city was to a diamond factory and jewelry shop, and on to a high look-out point to view the seaport. Haifa is the largest city in Israel, containing about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of one million people. We continued on our journey to Tel Aviv for dinner and overnight. After dinner we taxied to the ancient city Jaffa to shop in the bazaars and later, we toured Tel Aviv by taxi.

Monday morning we transferred to LOD Airport for departure to Athens. Our group, because of air schedule difficulties, made a side trip to Istanbul, Turkey, on the way to Athens. The stay in Turkey for a few hours was not pleasant. We were kept in a half-lit room at the air port and for security reasons, were not permitted to leave the airport though we were finally allowed to move into a larger, more pleasant waiting room.

We arrived in Athens in the afternoon and spent the remainder of the day at leisure or shopping.

Tuesday morning we took the scenic drive through the sacred road and along the coastal highway of the beautiful Saronicos Bay viewing the Greek shipping fleets and the very delightful scenery along the way. The combination of mountains and sea is a very pleasing sight. After a short stop at the Corinth Canal, we proceeded to ancient Corinth to visit the Doric Temple of Apollo (6th Century, B. C.), the most impressive sight among the ruins of that ancient Greek city.

After returning to the hotel in Athens for lunch, we visited the Acropolis including the Parthenon, the Agora and Socrates prison. Nearby we visited Mars Hill overlooking the ruins of ancient Athens. It seemed to me that the spiritual condition is still much the same as it was when Paul visited there on his second missionary journey. The people are cultured and refined, but there is a noticeable absence of the knowledge of the "Living God".

After a night of rest, we transferred to Athens Airport for departure to New York via Amsterdam and Zurich, Switzerland.

## Virginia Smith, Willow, Alaska

Pretend with me for a minute. Imagine we are standing near the gate called Beautiful. Peter and John are walking into the temple at the hour of prayer. A lame man sits, begging. Peter looks at him and says, "Spiritual power have I none, but such as I have give I thee. God bless you." He gives the man a coin as they go on their way.

Of course, that wasn't what happened, but it is what most of us would do now. We depend on our natural abilities to do God's work, but the Bible says that we are in a spiritual war and we must use spiritual weapons. "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." II Cor. 10:3-5.

We live helplessly among people bound by sin, by sickness, by Satan. Men bound by demons had no power to set themselves free, but Christ set them free. Each and every Christian is sent into the world as Jesus himself was sent. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 4:18-19

We must daily depend on the Holy Spirit if we are to do His work.

## ROOTS GROWING UPWARD

"That fellow's hopeless! Why, you couldn't get him on the upward path any more than you could get roots to grow upward."

Have you heard this kind of comment made about a confirmed drunk, an atheist, or an educated man who felt he was "too intelligent" for religion?

Such men are not really hopeless, and roots will actually grow upward. A botanist planted a few seeds in ordinary soil, then spread extra-rich soil over the top. The seeds sprouted, and as the roots formed they grew upward, reaching after the nutrients in the good soil.

The hopeless man is a hungry man, searching for that which will satisfy the soul. Those who know the Lord should surround him with the rich soil of Christian witness. Let's tell him of God's love, His pardoning grace, His saving power. Let's so live that he will be attracted to our Lord.

— Grace V. Watkins

## All Systems Go

Hold this rectangle to your face and blow on it. If it turns green, call your physician. If it turns brown, see your dentist. If it turns purple, see your psychiatrist. If it turns red, see your banker. If it turns black, call your lawyer and make a will.

If it remains the same color, you are in good health, and there is no reason on earth why you should not be in church next Sunday morning.

— From the parish bulletin of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, OceanSide, N.Y.

**T**his is a synagogue."

When Jews said that while standing at the foot of the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem in the year 1929, they sparked a serious crisis. Arabs, who revere the place because they believe Mohammed himself rode past it on his horse Al Burak, upon which according to their legends he descended from heaven leaving a footprint on the rock Moriah above, rioted in retaliation. Nothing short of an international commission could resolve the controversy. The commission decided that the wall itself is the property of the Moslems but decreed that the Jews had the right to pray there.

"This is a temple."

When a sign bearing that statement in rude Hebrew characters appeared at the Wailing Wall in early June 1967, no rioting recurred. No international commission is likely to contradict this claim. For the Jews exercise control over the area of the Wailing Wall for the first time in centuries.

"We have waited 1,897 years for this moment," an excited Israeli paratrooper declared on the spot. "Think of it: 1,897 years. Now they will never take it from us."

Almost 19 centuries earlier the Romans under Titus had driven the Jews not just from this western wall of their temple area but from Jerusalem itself. However, it's been longer than 1,897 years since the Jews actually exercised political sovereignty over this territory. Not since Nebuchadnezzar dragged multiplied thousands of refugees to displaced persons camps by the rivers of Babylon had a really independent Israel controlled the land from which the Wailing Wall rises.

For 19 years, from the declaration of independence by the Jewish state in 1948 until the Israeli blitz of old walled Jerusalem in 1967, no Jew could reach the Wailing Wall. When Jordan's Arab Legion wrested control of the city in the first Arab-Israeli conflict, authorities barred all members of the Jewish faith from entering the country of Hashemite Jordan. For many years a tourist from the West had to present a certificate of church membership to qualify for a visa to visit Jordan, whose west bank held most of the holy places of Christianity. Jordanian authorities scrubbed the Wailing Wall, removing the Hebrew writing which previously decorated it.

Because they were barred from their holiest spot on earth, the Jews appointed Mount Zion, in the Israeli portion of Jerusalem, as the most sacred site for pilgrimage which lay accessible to them. There they built a tower from which they could peer over the old city's walls. But the vista did not afford a view of the Wailing Wall.

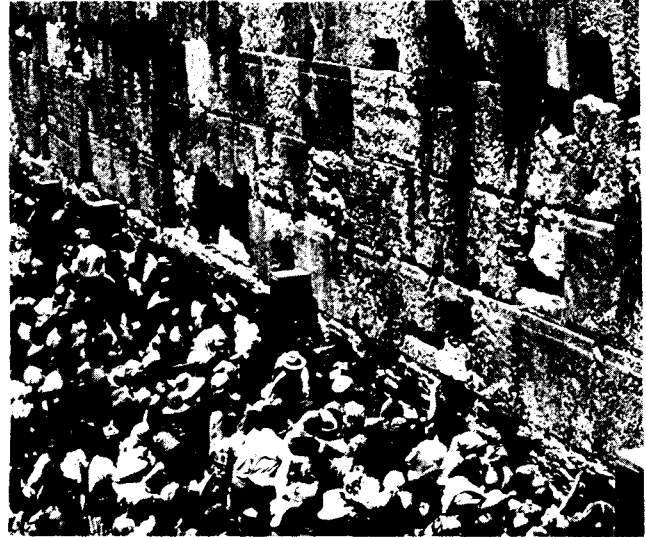
Meanwhile the government of Jordan prohibited photography at the Wailing Wall unless all persons in the pictures were facing the camera. No representation or reenactment of Jewish rites were allowed.

But now Jews troop to the shrine by the thousands. The first week access was restored witnessed half a million arriving. Two hundred thousand made the pilgrimage in one day — on the Jewish date of Pentecost.

# Weepers at the Wall

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David Ben-Gurion called it the greatest day in his life when he returned for the first time in 19 years to the hallowed spot. He noticed an Arabic street sign fastened on the wall and removed it immediately. The Israeli army demolished about 100 homes in the area to relieve the cramped quarters surrounding the wall. The Arab families were all relocated in Jerusalem's suburbs, most of them in much finer accommodations than they had been forced to leave.

Some Westerners who witnessed the massive trek to the wall wondered, "Why would so many walk up to five miles on a hot day just to see a wall?"

The answer lies in the fact that this is no ordinary wall. As an Israeli rabbi explained, this is the only thing left which ties Jews to their temple of old. The Israelis manifest no inclination to visit the temple square and Dome of the Rock above the Wailing Wall because nothing there now belongs to them or has any significance for them. Every structure standing on the square was erected by Moslems. An orthodox Jew would not think of stepping onto the premises, lest his feet touch the spot where the Ark of the Covenant had rested during Israeli's golden age.

But the Wailing Wall connects Jews with Solomon's temple. We must distinguish between the visible wall of today and the wall which extends downward below the present surface of the street. Jerusalem is a layer cake of history. The city Jesus knew lies buried about 17 feet below the present level, while the Jerusalem of David and Solomon is farther down still. Ancient city builders did not remove the ruins of former occupations.

They simply leveled the debris and built on top of it.

The Wailing Wall as seen today was constructed by King Herod the Great commencing about 20 B. C. when he rehabilitated the enlarged Zerubbabel's second temple built upon the return of Jews from Babylonian captivity. Seventy years before that, Nebuchadnezzar had destroyed the temple of Solomon. Herod, it is said, used stones which had belonged to the first temple in constructing this retaining wall on the west side of the temple area.

Herod's wall rests on about 19 rows of the now underground stones which were part of Solomon's original wall. The Jews have a tradition that Solomon used as the foundation for his wall seven other stones which had been laid there in their times by Adam, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, David, and himself.

The Dome of the Rock, the Moslem shrine which now crowns Mount Moriah and houses the huge rock on which Abraham is said to have commenced to sacrifice his son Isaac, has on occasions during history been mistaken for Solomon's original temple. The crusaders who found it when they broke into Jerusalem, driving out the Moslems, believed the imposing structure to be Israel's ancient shrine. Many maps of the Middle Ages label the building "Solomon's Temple," and the building became the seat of the Knights Templar order who organized themselves to be the "Guardians of the Temple." This notion resulted in Templar churches in many parts of Europe being patterned after this Moslem mosque! If the crusaders could make so serious a mistake, perhaps we can forgive those Christians who call the Dome of the Rock "the mosque of Omar." Actually, Omar's mosque stands near the Church of the Holy Sepulchre some distance away, while the Dome of the Rock does occupy the site of Solomon's and Zerubbabel's temples.

According to Matthew 24:2, Jesus declared that the shrine would be overthrown. About 40 years later the Roman general Titus devastated Jerusalem. He fired the temple and demolished its surrounding walls on the north, east, and south. But the western wall proved durable. And around this survival focus clusters of traditions and legends which Jews delight to repeat.

The endurance of the Wailing Wall is connected by some with its initial origin. Solomon supposedly parceled out construction of the various parts of the temple to the citizens of Jerusalem. The very poorest were appointed to build the western wall. Richer citizens hired substitutes to do their work, but the poorer people could not afford this escape. So they erected the wall entirely with their own efforts. According to the tradition, God betokened His approval. The Shekinah glory appeared first at the western wall, and a voice from heaven allegedly announced, "The toil of the poor is precious in My eyes, and My blessings shall be upon it. The divine protection shall never be removed from the western wall."

If the lower 19 rows of stones remain intact from Solomon's day, we may attribute the survival to divine preservation, for Nebuchadnezzar tried ruthlessly to raze the whole city.

However, the Jews claim divine protection for their wall at the time of Titus' triumph. The first Roman general charged with demolishing the last standing wall

of the temple enclosure fell dead upon approaching it! Titus reputedly then lifted a sledge to smite the wall, and his hand withered. Just then six angels appeared at the top of the wall and commenced to weep. Their tears eddied down between the stones and hardened into a cement that has held the rock together ever since! Or so the story goes.

Actually there is no mortar or cement.

For 1,897 years Jews have cherished a sentimental attachment for the site of their ancient sanctuary. Although the Romans officially excluded all Jews from the Jerusalem area following Titus' conquest, evidence exists that some were able to remain in parts of Jerusalem and to worship on the temple ruins. That some form of temple worship persisted for 60 years at least seems indicated by the image of that sanctuary on coins struck by Bar-cochba during the rebellion he fomented among the Jews who trickled back to Jerusalem as restrictions relaxed. The Romans destroyed the last historic Jewish resistance to their rule in Jerusalem about 134, and the emperor Hadrian proceeded to construct a Roman city, called Aelia Capitolina, there. He proposed to eliminate forever Jewish attachment to the area and installed a temple to the Capitoline Triad to desecrate the site of Solomon's temple. A statue of himself stood before this pagan shrine. The Romans forbade all circumcised persons to enter or approach their city and drew a line extending from Beit Horon to Bethel and Beit Zur beyond which no Jew might venture.

Constantine continued Hadrian's ban but permitted an exception on the Fast of the Ninth of Av. Jews were allowed to enter Jerusalem and mourn on that traditional anniversary of the destruction of both their temples. Of course, Constantine revolutionized the status of the city.

In the early 360's Julian the Apostate tried to rebuild Jerusalem as a Jewish city and restore the temple. He hoped thereby to reverse the trend toward Christianizing the city and making it a shrine for Christians. However, the bishop of Jerusalem warned him that the temple could not be rebuilt until Antichrist appeared, and Chrysostom, Ambrose, and Gregory report miraculous portents which frustrated the reconstruction.

Meanwhile, Jews who managed to reach Jerusalem hid to the Rock Moriah and wept there over the plight of their sanctuary. After the Dome of the Rock was built by the Moslems in the seventeenth century, the Jews were compelled to transfer their weeping to the western wall which subsequently received its name of Wailing Wall. The Moslems treated the Jews more tolerantly than had the Christians before them.

On Wednesday, June 7, 1967, Jews regained access to the Wailing Wall. Chief rabbi of the armed forces, General Shlomo Goren, blew a ram's horn and announced: "We have taken the city of God. We are entering the messianic era for Jewish people."

And Jews who head for the wall at dusk hope to catch the cooing of a dove. For according to their traditions a white dove, representing divine providence, appears in the dead of night and coos sadly with the mourners, while the stones themselves sprout drops of dew which legend likens to tears shed by the Wailing Wall weeping with all Israel.

The true hope of the christian believer is founded in the resurrection of the dead. This hope is made valid in our hearts because we believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ the Son of God. The apostle Paul wrote thus: "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. (1 Corinthians 15:19-20) The Apostle Paul was writing the Church in Corinth about the controversial subject of the resurrection of the dead. He explained that if there were no resurrection of the dead, then the Christ that they believed in was dead and that their faith had been in vain. They were in their sins without hope. Christians today, as the Corinthian brethren, believe in Christ's atonement on the cross. We believe that because of His death we have life. We also believe that because He lives, we shall live also. Not all our hopes and desires are fulfilled in THIS life. Yes, we do receive many blessings in this life through Christ Jesus our Lord, that help make living worthwhile. We are blessed when we are saved. We are blessed when we are sanctified. We are blessed when we are baptized with the Holy Ghost. We are blessed when he heals us; when he supplies our needs; when we enjoy His daily benefits; when we sing His praises; when we teach others about Him; when we preach His word; when we testify about Him; when we share blessings with others; when we carry out our christian responsibilities; when we bear burdens; and when we suffer persecution for Christ's sake . . . Blessed? Indeed we are blessed. We are blessed again and again, but our true hope is not in the blessings of THIS life. The true hope is the resurrection. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead."

"If a man die, shall he live again?" We read this question in the book of Job which man scholars believe to be oldest book in the Bible. This question was not confined to the anxious mind of the ancient Job, but is a question that has plagued the mind of man from the dawn of man's creation unto the present. But this question has been answered to the assurance and satisfaction of the true christian believer. Jesus said of himself, "I am the way, the truth and the LIFE." (John 14:6)

In the third chapter of John we read of a learned man coming to Jesus and addressing him thus: "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." Here was a man with questions to be answered by the great master-teacher. Jesus came to the heart of this man's questions by saying, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." How could such a reply really satisfy the honest questioner? Indeed! You must be born again! Here also is the answer to the question that Job asked centuries previous, "If a man die, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14) To further explain to Nicodemus the true meaning of being born again, Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that he

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# HOPE ONLY!

gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) Nicodemus certainly did not understand Jesus' words, but the things that happened to Jesus make those words clear to us. God truly did send His only begotten son . . . to live . . . and to die . . . and to raise from the dead, so that those who believe in HIM should have everlasting life.

Peter explained this to the household of Cornelius, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead." (Acts 10:38-41)

Pausing for a backward glance at man's history, we read of him in his innocent state in the garden of Eden. God warned him that sin would bring death. All that the serpent did to persuade Adam and Eve to disregard God's word was simply to refute the warning with the contrary statement: "Ye shall not surely die . . . but shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." (Genesis 3:4-5) Tragically for Adam and Eve and all mankind, they believed the serpent's lie. They indeed did learn of good and evil, but alas, they also learned of death.

There is nothing more precious than LIFE. There is nothing more final than DEATH. This provoked Job to ask: "If a man die shall he live again?" It was of Job that Satan had said, "All that a man hath will he give for his life." (Job 2:4) The reason life is so sweet and precious . . . without LIFE there is nothing! There is nothing more unwelcome than DEATH because it is final . . . no return! . . . nothing! Adam and Eve learned this tragic truth when their elder son killed the younger. This has plagued the human family until now! But now



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By Jacob C. Regier

# THIS LIFE

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hopes of all christians would be nil. But this is not the end of the story! This is really the beginning because many prophecies concerning the resurrection of Jesus were to be fulfilled after three days and three nights. Jesus had told the skeptics that wanted to see a sign or a miracle from him to prove his divinity, "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." (Matthew 12:40) The disciples of Jesus did not understand the full meaning of His words when He said that after three days and three nights He would raise from the dead. They were making preparations to finish the burial rites of their master. The women that had witnessed the burial of Jesus as Joseph laid their Lord's body in his sepulchre, wondered to whom they might turn for help to roll the heavy stone from the mouth of the tomb. They were about to witness the greatest miracle of all time. We shall give the account we find in Matthew: In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And, the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. (Matthew 28:1-6)

there is HOPE through the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Now it can be said, "If a man die, he MAY live again." It can be said now because God's Son, Jesus the Christ, died and rose again. Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

The sorrowful account of the crucifixion of Jesus the Christ is graphically told in Matthew, chapter 27; Mark, chapter 15; Luke, chapter 24; and John, chapter 19. He was betrayed, 'falsely accused, condemned, mocked, beaten, and finally put to death on a criminal's cross. He died for the sins of all mankind. Jesus had said to Nicodemus, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have ETERNAL LIFE." (John 3:14-15) This had come to pass. The Son of God had been nailed on a criminal's cross just like the brazen serpent had been raised on a pole by Moses in the wilderness so that the poor serpent-infested dying people of Israel might live by simply believing and looking and be healed.

The women were instructed by the angel to carry the news of Christ's resurrection to the other disciples. This kind of report is almost impossible to believe, but the report was true. As Peter later told the household of Cornelius, ". . . whom they slew and hanged on a tree; Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly . . . even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead." Jesus, who had referred to himself again and again as the son of man, was risen from the dead and is alive forever more.

Matthew 27:57-60; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; and John 19:38-42 all give the account of Joseph's role in the burial of Jesus. He obtained permission from Pilate to bury the lifeless form. Luke gives his account: "And, behold there was a man named Joseph, a counselor; and he was a good man, and a just: he was was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God. This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment." (Luke 23:50-56)

Luke wrote about that blissful time after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He wrote how He walked and talked with His disciples. He wrote, ". . . He shewed himself alive after his passion by man infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:" (Acts 1:3) Nealy twenty centuries have elapsed since these momentous events. But these events did not end twenty centuries ago. Jesus was not an ordinary man . . . He was . . . He is the SON OF GOD. Mark relates it so simply: "So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God." (Mark 16:19)

If this were the end of the story of Jesus Christ the

Christ's presence at the right hand of the throne of God has been the christian's reassurance to the answer of the question, "If a man die, shall he live again?" Yes, a man may live after death. By the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, he may live again. By the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, you may live again. By the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, I may live again.

## Joplin, Mo.

We have been down in attendance due to sickness in the area, but thanks to the power of the Lord, the church is now on the mend. Kelly Whitlock, infant daughter of Bro. and Sis. Jim Whitlock is a manifestation of Jesus' healing power. Just recently, she lay at the door of death, and the prayer of faith unlocked heaven's door. The Lord took command, and Kelly now is in regular attendance in church. A layman participation, instituted by our pastor has led to some very spirit filled services. The Lord is very good to us here in Joplin.

**Onal Nunn, pastor**  
**Carol Oakes, reporter**

## Enid, Okla.

The Lord has been giving some good services here in Enid for which we do thank Him. Bro. Jack Barker was with us January 16th. His revival here has been postponed due to their daughter having surgery. Shari Cook and our granddaughter, Paula Buschman had come to help with the revival and were with us until January 19th.

We enjoyed the wonderful convocation at Katy very much in every way.

Ministers and Gospel workers of the faith are invited to visit us.

**George Hintergardt, pastor**

## Arnett, Oklahoma

February 17, 1972

The Lord was present every evening January 26 through January 29 to bless during the prophecy lessons presented by Reverend F. E. Waterbury. These lessons were very informative and we appreciated Reverend Waterbury coming our way for these services.

Our evening youth group has started a Bible Reading Contest. They have been divided in two groups known as the Hees and the Haws with the losing team serving the winning team a chill dog supper. We'll hear more about this event later.

The Superintendent and a group of students from the Apostolic Faith Bible School were here Monday night, January 31 and they represented the Bible School through song and testimony. We greatly appreciate this group putting forth this effort to carry the word of God and to hold high the banner of the Apostolic Faith Bible School.

At the present time we are studying the book of Acts and are ready for the First Missionary Journey.

**Ruby V. Kibbe, reporter**  
**Rene A. Heil, pastor**

## Recipe For A Good Sunday School Class

Pour a prayerfully planned lesson into a bowl. Stir it carefully with needs and interest. Season with doctrinal truths. Garnish with objectives and goals. Bake long enough for truths to saturate mind, soul, and lives. Top with good, fresh Christian example. Serves an entire class.

— John Strauss

## Hardesty, Okla.

Again we can report that God is a Great Big Wonderful God and is continuing to bless His people. We've enjoyed His presence in our services and want to Thank Him for answered prayers.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Smart family in our church in the loss of their loved one, Robert Smart. God is gracious and merciful and does all things well. He'll be missed from our midst and leaves a vacancy that the rest of us must fill.

Work has begun on our church remodeling program with the new windows installed and the panelling work started.

Recently the Rev. and Mrs. Lowell Long and family were with us for a Sunday night service. God anointed and blessed His Word to Our hearts. The Rev. Ted Barker and his group from the Bible School were here the following Sunday night. Their singing and testimonies were an uplift and a blessing to all.

**Howard Whiteley, pastor**

## Woodward, Okla.

Bro. and Sis. George Vassar wrote that they have resigned as pastors of the Woodward church. Anyone feeling the burden to go there and pastor should contact Cecil Armstrong, 1619 7th, Woodward, Okla. phone 256-7880 or George Vassar Jr., 1322 9th, Woodward, Okla. phone 256-2595.

## Austin, Texas

We received word this week (Feb. 18) that Thelma Neff has been moved to her sister's in Austin to under go therapy there. She will be there perhaps two months — cards and letters mean so much to her. That address is: Mrs Stephen Welsh, 11700 Springhill Dr., Austin, Texas 78753. Ph. 836-0374 or 836-1818.



**Galena, Kansas  
February 5, 1972**

On January 23rd Brother and Sister Clanton went to Beaver, Okla. for a revival. Those filling in for our church services while they were gone were Bro. Ted Jackson, Sis. Edna Mitchner, Bro. Gene Cornell and Bro. DeWane Hansen. Also we had Sis. Gene Cornell, Bro. and Sister Bill Yeakel and Sis. Lula Parham as visitors. Our Young Peoples group accompanied by Bro. and Sis. DeWane Hansen attended one night of the revival at Union Chapel Church, held by Bro. Ronnie Martin.

Our church has started another building program. We are re-modeling our back Sunday School rooms and kitchen. We ask for the prayers of all for the church work and also for the many people of the church who have been sick with colds and flu.

**Rita Robinson, Reporter  
Paul Clanton, Pastor**

**Cave Springs, Ark.**

We're glad to report that God blessed in many ways during our recent revival. Bro. Jim Arnall began the revival on Feb. 2 and continued through Feb. 11. We saw 2 saved and all Christians blessed. Bro. Jim preached some wonderful messages, all inspired of the Holy Spirit.

Before our revival began we were privileged to see two men for whom we had carried a burden, give their hearts to the Lord. So you see we have much to be thankful for.

We appreciate the prayers of all Christians that we may continue to see our church prosper and grow for the Lord.

**Austin Sutton, pastor**

**Dearborn Hts., Michigan**

We received a letter from Mrs. Ophel Stockfisch earnestly desiring special prayer for her parents who are very ill at this time.

The Lazier a man is the more he plans to do tomorrow.

THE SIMPLEST WAY to better your lot is to do a lot better.

The word "come" appears six hundred times in the Bible. That many invitations should convince us we are wanted! ! !

**— DEADLINE —**

Copy for the Report must be in the Editor's possession by the 20th of the month preceding the date of the issue its to be in.

**Kingman, Kansas**

Our church was happy for the revival conducted by Rev. and Mrs. Ollie Kinser of Laverne, Oklahoma and Rev. Terry Mathis of Houston, Texas January 19 to 30. The inspiring sermons and beautiful songs were food to our souls. A special treat was the miniature trio composed of Chandra Jelsovsky, daughter of our pastors, Rev. and Mrs. Carl Jelsovsky, and Delvin and Darren Kinser, sons of Rev. and Mrs. Kinser. No wonder our Lord said "Except you become as a little child you can not enter the Kingdom of Heaven." The Word was sown, we pray there will be an abundant harvest in the lives that heard.

February 6, Rev. Terry Mathis and Joe Randolph of Perryton, Texas ministered to us. It thrills us to see young people give their lives in the service of the Lord.

We covet the prayers of God's people that His will be done in our church and extend an invitation to others to visit us.

**Reporter, Mrs. John Wimer  
Pastor, Rev. Carl Jelsovsky**

**Amarillo, Texas**

The holiday season is over, in which we were reminded in many ways of the birth of Christ. It is marvelous to think that Christ came into the world and fulfilled not a part of a plan, but fulfilled it completely by his birth, death upon the cross, and his glorious resurrection which gave us the hope of eternal life.

During the month of January the church had visiting speakers, which included Sis. Pearl Parks and Rev. and Mrs. Ollie Kinser. These services were a blessing to the people.

In the near future the church is planning a revival. We trust this will be a time when people will accept Christ and realize the need of rendering a greater service to Christ.

May we continue as the book of Psalms states, to serve the Lord with gladness and to know that the Lord is God.

**Rev. Neil Ragan, pastor  
LaVonne Mitchell, reporter**

**Guymon, Okla.**

Bro. Ted Barker and the group of former students from the Bible College were here Feb. 13. They also had charge of the Vesper Services at the Student Center at 7 P. M. Wednesday 9th. We really appreciate all the work done for the Bible College.

The concrete floor on the Student Center has been poured and the erection of the walls should be soon. 50 Young People had a prayer and share session at Sis. Dela's home and another has been planned for the next week. The Junior choir is going good. Donna Anderson and Sherli Morgan are doing a wonderful job as song leader and pianist for the group. Several new classes have been started in our Sunday School. We are thankful for the good attendance we have been having.

**Edwin Modrick Pastor**

### The Camp of Israel

The Tabernacle, the place of worship of the Children of Israel, was set up in the center of the camp. It is estimated that they needed a place six miles square to camp in the wilderness. In the camp each tribe had its appointed place (Numbers chapter 2).

On the east side of the Tabernacle Moses and Aaron were to have their tents. On the other three sides were the tribe of Levi, which consisted of three families from the three sons of Levi, namely Gershon, Kohath and Merari. The Gershonites camped on the West, the Merarites on the north, and the Kohathites on the south.

Further away from the camp of the Levites, we have the camp of the other tribes of Israel. The twelve tribes were divided into four groups, three tribes in each group. Each group was to camp on each side of the Tabernacle. On the east side, the tribe of Judah camped in the centre with the tribes of Issachar and Zebulun on each side. Judah, the chief tribe of the group was given the standard with lion as the emblem. On the south side, Reuben with the standard and emblem of Man, was to be in the centre with Simeon and Gad on either side. On the West, with Manasseh and Benjamin on two sides, Ephraim camped in the centre with the emblem of the Ox. On the north were Dan, with his standard and emblem of Eagle, and Asher and Naphtali.

Thus the Tabernacle was in the centre and the children of Israel with the four emblems, the Lion, the Ox, the Man, and the Eagle camped around the Sanctuary. In Ezekiel chapter 1, and Revelation chapters 4 and 5, we read about the scene in heaven. In both these passages the throne of God is in the centre surrounded by four living creatures. God thus revealed the heavenly mystery to His people in the wilderness. The reality is in heaven and the shadow is in the wilderness.

### The Tabernacle

The Tabernacle consisted of three parts: The Court, The Holy Place, and The Holy of Holies.

**The Court.** Ex. 27:9-18; 38:9-20. The Court was 100 cubits long, and 50 cubits broad. All around the court was a wall 5 cubits high. For the wall on the north there were 20 pillars, fixed on 20 sockets, on which 100 cubits long fine twined linen was hung. Likewise was the wall on the southside also. On the west 50 cubits long fine twined linen was hung on 10 pillars fixed on 10 sockets. On the east side there was a gate 20 cubits wide with a curtain made of blue, purple, scarlet and

white twined linen hung on four pillars. On the two sides of the gate there was the wall of fine twined linen 15 cubits each and hung on 3 pillars on each side.

**The Pillars and Sockets of the Wall of the Court.** Ex. 27:10; 38:10, 12.

The court had 60 pillars made of brass and fixed on sockets of brass. On top, each pillar had a fillet and hook made of silver. Each pillar was fastened to the pin by the chain. The brass is a symbol of the judgment of God. In Numbers 21:9 we see the symbolism of Brass clearly portrayed. As the brass pillars were covered with white twined linen, the judgment of God is covered by Divine righteousness. The sockets of brass that fixed the pillars represent Christ. The pillars had hooks and fillets of silver. Silver represents redemption. When the children of Israel were numbered, each person had to give half a shekel of silver as a ransom for his soul. Ex. 30:11-16, 38:26. In the New Testament times we are redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ shed on the cross of calvary.

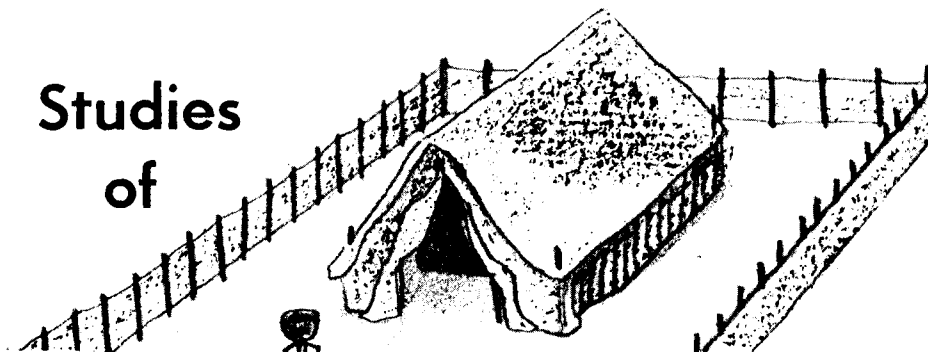
**Pins and Chain.** Ex. 27:19. The pin represents Christ who is fixed (established). He is the Rock to whom the believer is to be tied. Rev. 3:14; 2 Cor. 1:10. Each pillar was fastened to the pin by the chain. The chain is the love of God shed in us by which we are fastened to Christ.

**The Gate of the Tabernacle.** Ex. 27:16-19. The gate of the Tabernacle was 20 cubits wide and a curtain made of Blue, Purple, Scarlet and fine Twined Linen was hung at the gate. This gate typifies Jesus Christ:

1. This is the **only door** to the Tabernacle. An Israelite who dwelt in any part of the camp had to come through this gate to enter the Tabernacle. Jesus is the only door to the presence of the Father. Jn. 14:6; 10:7, 8; Acts 4:12.

2. This was a **wide gate**. It was wide enough for all. Christ is willing to accept anyone that comes to Him. Matt. 11:28.

3. This was a **beautiful door**. The curtain of the door was made of four different kinds of threads. It was very beautiful to look at which shows the beauty of Jesus. The colours typified different aspects of the life of Christ. **The Blue Thread.** Blue is the colour of the sky. This being the heavenly colour speaks of Christ as the Heavenly One, full of grace and mercy. **Purple** is a mixture of blue and red and it is the colour of Royalty. Judg. 8:26. This colour shows that Jesus is the King,



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Tabernacle

Israel in Egypt applied the blood of the lamb to the door **The Scarlet**. This is the colour of blood. The children of posts and so they were saved from the death angel. Rahab the harlot tied the scarlet thread to her window and so she and her household were saved. So the scarlet colour shows the saving power of Jesus. **The fine twined linen** was white in colour and shows the sinlessness of Jesus.

4. This was an **Open door**. There was only a hanging at the gate and it was very easy to enter in through this door. In this dispensation of grace Christ the door is always open and easily accessible to any one at any time.

**The Pillars of the Gate**. The curtain for the gate was hung on four pillars. As the gate is a type of Jesus Christ, these four pillars can be compared to the four Gospels in which we get a vivid picture of the life of Christ.

**Distinctions of the court.**

1. The Court is a place of separation. When a worshipper enters the court through the gate he is separated from the outside world. A believer entering the Church through Jesus, is separated from the world.

2. It is a place of great privilege. Great kings and rulers of this world desired much to be in the court of the Tabernacle. David was glad to go to the Tabernacle. Psa. 65:4; 122:1. The sons of Korah fainted for the courts of the Lord and desired to be the doorkeeper in the house of the Lord. Psa. 84:2, 10.

3. It is a place of Holiness. The court was encircled by fine white linen. The inside of the court was always kept holy. The white linen was a type of robe of righteousness of Christ. We are clothed by the righteousness of God. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? . . . for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are" 1 Cor. 3:16, 17.

(To be continued)

**TRY IT . . . YOU'LL LIKE IT!!!**

It will soon be garden planting time all over the country; how about planting the following in your garden this year and watch them grow.

Let's start with several rows of peas: praise, prayer, preparedness, promptness, perseverance, and a long row of politeness.

Save a place for a few rows of squash: squash gossip, squash indifference, squash unfair criticism, and squash the work of Satan.

Don't forget the lettuce: Let us be faithful, let us be unselfish, let us be loyal, let us be thoughtful, let us love one another, and let us bear one another's burdens.

No garden is complete without turnips: turn up for church, turn up with a smile, turn up for work days at camp, turn up for prayer meeting, turn up on time for Sunday School, and turn up "prayed up" and ready to go for Jesus.

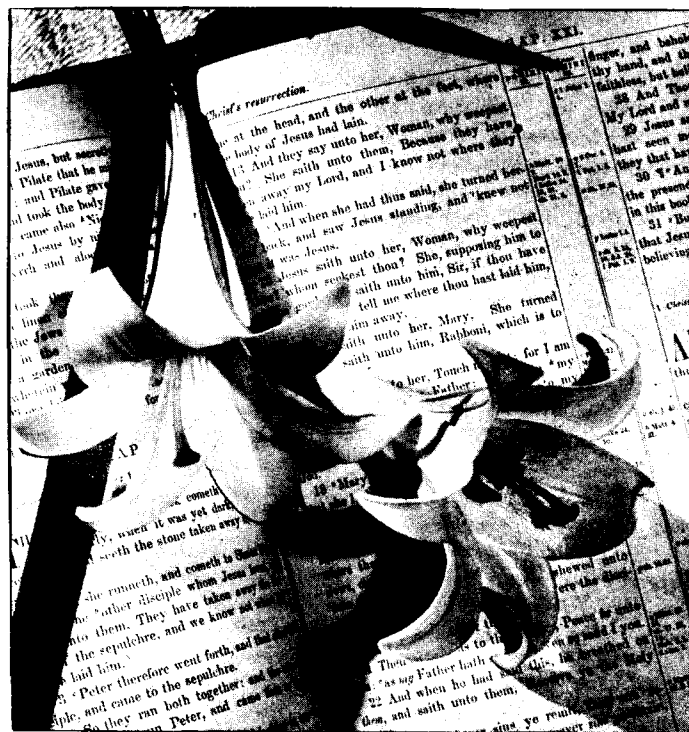
Caution! ! ! Produce from this garden cannot be frozen or canned! It must be used while it is fresh-  
The time is NOW! ! !

# What Does Easter Mean?

What does Easter mean to you?  
Stately church with cushioned pew?  
Richly clad, devoted throngs  
United in triumphant songs?  
Singing birds and budding trees,  
Sweet spring odors on the breeze?  
Daffodil and crocus bed  
With balsam branches overhead?  
Sad the world, and cold and gray,  
If this is all of Easter Day.

But if this blessed season brings  
A firmer faith in holy things:  
Assurance of a living Lord  
Strengthening each tender cord  
That binds us to the life to come  
With loved ones in a heavenly home—  
No pain or loss can mar the bliss  
Of Easter when it means all this.

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### THE RESURRECTION BODY

The four gospels witness to a kind of resurrection which had not been foretold in the Old Testament, and which was so extremely puzzling that for long the apostles themselves would not believe it. The return of a spirit, like Samuel or the witch of Endor, they could understand; the resurrection of a natural body, like Lazarus's, they had already seen. What the Old Testament had never foretold, and what no man could have guessed, is exactly what they assert again and again—namely, a rising in a body which was not a spirit, and not a natural body, but combining both properties in a way that the human mind had never before conceived.

This is what they report. It was the same body, for it was scarred. It was the same body, for there was no body in the tomb. Yet it was another fashion of body, for at times they did not recognize Him and it passed through locked doors, and ultimately into heaven, without difficulty — a "changed" body, exactly as our bodies must be "changed" (1 Corinthians 15:51) before they can pass into the stratosphere.

Now how did they get this conception — which has been testified to for nineteen centuries — if it was not the experience of a fact? The Lord himself had never foretold it. The Old Testament had never foretold it. A combination of the properties making up the resurrection body is unique, and is so puzzling that nothing but actual experience could have convinced men of its being a fact.

— D. M. Pantton

## Obituary — Jess Jacobs

Funeral services for Jess Jacobs, of Beaver, Okla., who passed away at his home on February 14, 1972, were conducted at the Apostolic Faith Church in Beaver on February 16, with Rev. Winston Barker officiating and assisted by Rev. Doyle Wiles of Logan, Okla. and David Parker of Beaver, Okla. Music for the service was by Rev. and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon and Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Methvin. Pallbearers were Turl Gray, Clarence Cook, Ralph McCune, Raymond Green, Ezra Simpson, and Ivan McKeever. Military honors were conducted by American Legion Post 149 and his World War I buddies were honorary pallbearers. Interment was in the Sophia Cemetary.

Mr. Jacobs was born November 1, 1893 near Paris, Illinois and moved near Beaver with his father in 1915. He served his country in the Medical Corps in France in World War I, and after his discharge returned to Beaver County and married Pearl Clarke in Gaylord, Texas. They established their home on a farm in the Elmwood community where love, faith and happiness along with the trials of life were shared as they reared their family of six children. In 1964 they moved into Beaver, Okla. where they lived a semi-retired life. He was converted in 1918 and came into the light of the Apostolic Faith ministry during a tent revival at Elmwood, Okla. conducted by Rev. Homer Coberly in 1928. He was an active and faithful servant of the Lord until his death, at which time he was serving as Chairman of the board at the Beaver Apostolic Faith Church. His home was always opened to ministers and Gospel workers; he always had time to help his neighbors and minister to those in need and he taught his family a deep faith in God as he lived before them daily.

On September 5, 1971 he and his wife had the honor of celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with all members of the family present except two grandchildren.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Pearl Jacobs, two sons, Walter Jacobs of Kansas City, Mo. and Lester Jacobs of Alva, Okla.; four daughters, Mrs. Wilma Clay of Bentonville, Arkansas, Mrs. Jean Addleman of Amsterdam, Mo., Mrs. Pauline Messner of Logan, Okla., and Mrs. Ilene Sager of Elmwood, Okla.; a brother, John Jacobs, of Mason Mich.; 19 grandchildren, two step grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

### Job's question answered

Since the days of Job, many answers have been given to his weighty question, "If a man die, shall he live again?"

Science has replied, "He may live again."

Philosophy says, "He hopes to live again."

Ethics states, "He ought to live again."

Atheism declares, "He will never live again."

Jesus Christ says, "Though he were dead, yet shall he live."

## WHEN LOVE HAS FLED

I passed an alley yesterday,  
And there mid refuse piled,  
An old man lay,  
The tattered figure little more than dead,  
Was traced with snow there on his lowly bed,  
I wondered what cruel stroke had laid him low,  
And brought him near to death on derelicts row,  
What twist of fate had cursed the grizzled head,  
And told him long ago that love had fled,  
Yes love had fled.

By chance I trod a darkened hall,  
And heard as I was passing by,  
A searching piteous call.  
I traced the sound to dingy room,  
Where sitting sadly in the gloom,  
Hollow cheeked and empty eyed,  
A wrinkled lonely mother cried,  
Time and again she called the name,  
Of some dear one who never came,  
Though twas not plain just what she said,  
I knew at once that love had fled,  
Yes love had fled.

Once on an errand over town,  
A children's shelter caught my eye,  
And there I found,  
A brother and sister fair,  
Who had just been abandoned there,  
The mother left without a trace,  
Except the anguish on the face,  
Of the lad who's weeping said,  
Once again that love had fled,  
Yes love had fled.

On the schoolyard cross the street,  
A mob of youngsters gathered round,  
A boy with crippled feet,  
Who pled with them to let him go,  
The way was long and he so slow,  
But they thought it was such fun,  
To see the awkward way he'd run,  
In shame he bowed the tousled head,  
And I could see that love had fled,  
Yes love had fled.

Sometime I like to travel round,  
To see the sights the country holds,  
And in a little town,  
I saw a figure hunched against the cold,  
While but scant feet away a lighted place,  
Where there was food and warmth and ample space,  
Now why I mused would he not enter in,  
For who would choose to brave that bitter wind,  
Then I saw as he was looking back,  
The color of the tired face was black,  
No Negroes served the hated sign had said,  
And made it plainer still that love had fled,  
Yes love had fled.

A year of time I served in war torn land,  
And in a village splintered by the strife,  
I saw a hand,  
The hand a little child raised in pain,  
There by his mothers body newly slain,  
His cries besought us as we hurried through,  
But war can't wait and there was much to do,  
A common sight to us that one had died,  
The saddest part I think was no one cried,  
What anguish stirred in him beside the dead,  
Perhaps he realized that love had fled,  
Yes love had fled.

Two thousand years ago in thoughts I see,  
A scene etched hard upon the conscience of our race,  
A lone cross tree,  
Where God in man was nailed to take our place,  
The jeering mob showed not a trace of shame,  
And all that day shared equally the blame,  
What thoughts burned through the thorn crowned head,  
Was He to say that love had fled,  
While looking out on folks like me and you,  
He cried oh Lord they know not what they do,  
The stricken eyes yet burned with tender care,  
And it was plain to see that Love was there,  
Yes love was there.

Lowell Long

### A cross, not a burden

I have a friend who takes foster children into her home. Often they return sneers for smiles and flagrant disobedience for gentle instruction.

In spite of her many prayers, tears, and heartaches for these children, she assures me they are not a burden — they are a cross. She has taken the weight of their problems upon herself as her special ministry to Christ.

Although both are weights, there is a difference between a burden and a cross. A burden is a weight thrust upon us without our consent or seeking. A cross is a weight that we willingly accept and carry. It is shouldered for God's glory. It strengthens rather than weakens us and brings us closer to God in a common purpose.

No one thrust the cross upon Jesus. He took it upon Himself in order to redeem mankind.

No Christian should be without his cross—a cause which calls him to give his best or even to sacrifice—so that others may know an abundant life in Christ.

— Mrs. A. L. Clarke

Gossip is something negative that is developed and then enlarged.

TITHING is working for the Lord on 90% commission.

"SAVE TIME, for that's the stuff life is made of."  
— Benjamin Franklin

**Apostolic Faith  
Camp Meeting  
Mid-West Camp Ground  
Laverne, Okla.  
August 3 - 13**

To begin with night service on August 3, (Thursday night) and close with the night service on August 13, (Sunday night).

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