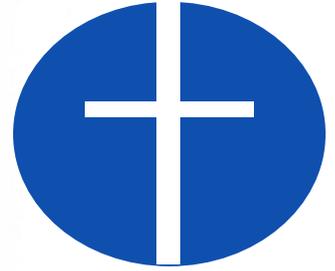


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Welcome to the Loco Baptist Church newsletter.

What does Easter mean to you?

The meaning of Easter is Jesus Christ's victory over death. His resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him. The meaning of Easter also symbolizes the complete verification of all that Jesus preached and taught during His three-year ministry. If He had not risen from the dead, if He had merely died and not been resurrected, He would have been considered just another teacher or Rabbi. However, His resurrection changed all that and gave final and irrefutable proof that He was really the Son of God and that He had conquered death once and for all.

However, Easter did not always symbolize Christ's resurrection from the dead and the meaning of Easter was quite different than what Christians celebrate today. The feast day of Easter was originally a pagan celebration of renewal and rebirth. Celebrated in the early spring, it honored the pagan Saxon goddess Eastre. When the early missionaries converted the Saxons to Christianity, the holiday, since it fell around the same time as the traditional memorial of Christ's resurrection from the dead, was merged with the pagan celebration, and became known as Easter. The meaning of Easter was also changed to reflect its new Christian orientation.

Today, the meaning of Easter, for millions of Christians, is that of honoring and recognizing Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, and His glorious promises of eternal life for all who believe in Him.

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He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. Mark 8:31 NIV

When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!" But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him." John 19:5-6 NIV

6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' Luke 24:6-7 NIV

April 16th: Egg Hunt @ Joyce Martin's @ 3pm (See Kathy Moore for details)
April 23rd: Brotherhood
May 7th: Meal
May 13th: Senior Outing @ 5pm (See Mary or Racy Goldman for details)
May 14th: Mother's Day
May 21st: Senior Recognition Day with Meal to follow service

Answer to March Trivia:

When published, a compositor's error left out the word "NOT" in the commandment that reads "Thou shalt not commit adultery". Only 11 copies of the Bible were not destroyed. One copy is in the rare book collection in the New York Library, and is rarely accessible. One is on display in the Bible Museum in Branson, Missouri.

Trivia question: In Damascus, whose sight was restored by Ananias?
(answer in next month's newsletter)