

Lifted up was He to die,  
"It is finished," was His cry;  
Now in heav'n exalted high,  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

- Phillip P. Bliss, 1875  
(Hallelujah! What a Savior, v.4)



Up from the grave He arose,  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;  
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,  
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!  
Robert Lowry, 1874  
(Low in the Grave He Lay, chorus)

A preacher was telling the story about the death, burial and resurrection of Christ to a group of children. He asked, "What did Jesus say when he came forth from the grave"? He was trying to make the point that He didn't need to say anything, that His wondrous miracle said more than words could ever say. A young lady, however, insisted that she knew what Jesus said. The preacher finally asked her to tell him what Jesus said. She smiled widely and said, "Ta Dah!"

Now I don't know what Jesus actually said, if anything at all, but from a human standpoint I can imagine the excitement of just defying death, and just perhaps Jesus doing something like that (in part because I believe that Jesus had a human side as well as a sense of humor).

This is the time of the year when most of the religious world celebrates "Easter". It might surprise some of you to know that *the true church* doesn't do that. I know that is hard for you to imagine someone claiming to be a Christian and yet not celebrating this very special day. Yet, for us, it is no different than any other Sunday.

You see, the Bible tells us to come together the first day of each week to worship God. The early church did just that. Jesus told the early church to remember His death, burial and resurrection through the partaking of "The Lord's Supper" or "Communion" whenever they met that way (Matthew 26:26-29). The early church is seen coming together on the first day of every week to "break bread" or to partake of the Lord's Supper, Acts 20: 7; 1 Corinthians 11:23-30; 16:1-2.

In other words, we don't need one special Sunday to celebrate the resurrection of the "Savior of the World". We do it each and every "First day of the Week", every "Sunday". Some of you may ask the question, "Won't doing that make it something that is no longer special?" My answer is, "No, not at all, it is a continual reminder of the sacrifice of Christ on our behalf." The Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 11:26, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till he comes." Not only His death, but His resurrection, because that is part of what the Gospel is all about, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.

I don't know about you but remembering "The Great Ta Dah" every week is a great thing and a great comfort to me. My prayer is that you will see past the "pomp and circumstance" that so many heap upon this one special day of the year and understand that it is something you can participate in every Sunday with the same sense of awe.

- Russ Lawson, via *Bulletin Digest* [adapted] -

*The old truth of God's Word is ever new.*

## News & Notes

**SYMPATHY:** To Carol Stillwell at the recent passing of her niece, Terry Hess.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Ladies are invited to come and participate in this labor of love to help make stuffed bears for kids.

**MEN'S LEADERSHIP CLASSES:** Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. All men are invited and urged to attend this class.

**PIZZA PARTY:** Friday, April 21st, 6:00-8:30 p.m. at the Multipurpose Bldg. See complete details on the bulletin board. Questions and R.S.V.P., Dean & Sandy Spencer, (304) 491-0439.

**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** Next Sunday, April 23rd about Noon at the Multipurpose Bldg. Bring a covered dish of your choice and let's enjoy a family meal together on the first day of our meeting. All are invited. This will replace the covered dish dinner the first Sunday of May.

**FRIDAY NIGHT SING:** April 28th, 7:00 p.m. at the St. Clair Avenue Church of Christ, East Liverpool, OH.

**SUMMER CAMP APPLICATIONS:** On the desk in the foyer.

**PANTRY:** Noodles.

**SICK & SHUT-IN: CITY HOSPITAL:** Noni Scadden, Eva Stefl. **AT HOME:** Betty Henthorne, Doris Dunham. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller, Jim Mick, **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Ella Beagle. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

### GOSPEL MEETINGS

Weirton Heights-----April 16-20-----Ed Melott  
CHESTER-----April 23-27-----Roger Rush  
McKinleyville-----April 30-May 4-----Different Speakers

### MEN'S RETREATS

Kent, OH-----April 22-----Different Speakers  
Bergholtz, OH-----April 28-29-----Different Speakers

**DON'T FORGET!**

**Remember our  
GOSPEL MEETING  
next Sunday April 23rd  
through Thursday, April 27th  
with Roger Rush**