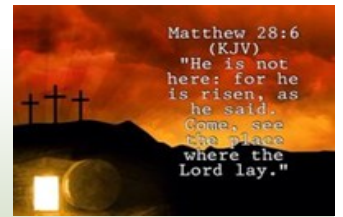


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Happy Easter



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What do you know about the Devil? ~ Circle the right answer:

1. According to Jude's epistle, who disputed with Satan over the body of Moses?
 - A. Aaron
 - B. Joshua
 - C. The archangel Michael
 - D. Jesus
2. What animal does First Peter compare Satan to?
 - A. A tame lion
 - B. A roaring Lion
 - C. A snake
 - D. A wolf
3. In what epistle does Paul refer to Satan as "the god of this world"?
 - A. 2 Corinthians
 - B. 1 Corinthians
 - C. Acts
 - D. Hebrews
4. What, according to the New Testament, is the final place for Satan?
 - A. In a Prison
 - B. A lake of fire and brimstone
 - C. In chains at bottomless pit
 - D. In the center of the earth
5. In what Gospel does Jesus refer to Satan as "the prince of this world"?
 - A. Matthew
 - B. Mark
 - C. Like
 - D. John
6. What is Satan the father of?
 - A. Man
 - B. Lies
 - C. Murder
 - D. Fornication
7. What prophet spoke of the fallen Lucifer, usually taken to refer to Satan as a fallen angel?
 - A. Jeremiah
 - B. Samuel
 - C. Isaiah
 - D. Daniel
8. According to the parable of the sower, what happens when someone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it?
 - A. Lies to you about it
 - B. Says the Scriptures is not true
 - C. catcheth it away from you
 - D. Does nothing
9. According to John's Gospel, Satan was from the very beginning both a liar and a _____.
10. In what epistle does Paul call Satan the "spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience"?
 - A. Colossian
 - B. Ephesians
 - C. Galatians
 - D. Philippians
11. What Gospel uses the name Beelzebub?
 - A. Matthew
 - B. Mark
 - C. Luke
 - D. John
12. What book of the Bible speaks of a king over them, which the angel of the bottomless pit speaks of Abaddon and Apollyon, both names for Satan?
 - A. Daniel
 - B. Isaiah
 - C. Third John
 - D. Revelation
13. What apostle spoke of the contrast between Christ and Belial (presumably another name for the devil)?
 - A. John
 - B. Paul
 - C. Simon
 - D. Thomas
14. What prophet spoke of "weeping for the king of Tyre" in a passage that has traditionally been interpreted as referring to Satan instead of a human king?
 - A. Ezekiel
 - B. Jeremiah
 - C. Daniel
 - D. Nehemiah
15. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus refers to seeing the fall of Satan. What does he compare the fall to?
 - A. Star
 - B. Smoke
 - C. Fire
 - D. Lighting
16. Who did Satan provoke to do a census in Israel?
 - A. Solomon
 - B. Joab
 - C. David
 - D. Benjamin
17. What disciple did Satan enter into?
 - A. Simon Peter
 - B. Judas Iscariot
 - C. James
 - D. Thomas
18. What disciple was told by Jesus that Satan wanted to sift him like wheat?
 - A. Thomas
 - B. Andrew
 - C. James
 - D. Simon
19. What New Testament man did Satan provoke to lie to the Holy Ghost?
 - A. Ananias
 - B. Judas
 - C. Peter
 - D. Thomas
20. Who had seven sons that were overcome by an evil spirit they were trying to cast out of a man?
 - A. Elioenai
 - B. Jesse
 - C. Sceva
 - D. Bilhah



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All Scripture in this publication is from the King James Bible.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

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Isaiah 61:11 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

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What Does The Resurrection of Christ Mean?

"Easter Sunday" is an annual holiday celebrated by many. Millions of people commemorate the resurrection of Jesus on this day. Many consider it as "the most holy" of religious holidays. For some, it marks the only time they attend church services. (Christmas runs a close second.) Christians in the first century did not have an annual observance of this event. The word **"Easter"** is found only once in the KJV Bible.

Acts 12:4 And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after **Easter** to bring him forth to the people.

The word in the Greek is actually **"Passover,"** and is so translated elsewhere in the KJV. "It is reasonably certain that the NT contains no reference to a yearly celebration of the resurrection of Christ." The annual observance is a human tradition, introduced in the second and third centuries. **Many churches today who follow the New Testament pattern do not celebrate "Easter" per-say. What does Easter mean to you and I if we are saved?**

If Christ was not raised from the dead, the gospel preaching would be in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

The preaching of the apostles would have been empty and meaningless if Jesus was still dead in a tomb because they would be proclaiming nothing more than a fairy tale, a story of fiction.

Our faith would be in vain.

Our belief in Christ would also be empty and without meaning if our faith was based on a lie, a story of make believe, not truth. The apostles would have been false witnesses.

1 Corinthians 15:15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

They swore that God raised Jesus from the dead.

Acts 2:32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

They claimed to spend 40 days with Him after the resurrection, eating and drinking with Him. **(Acts 10:39-41)** There is no way they could have been deceived or mistaken; either they told the truth or they were deliberate liars, deceivers, and frauds!

We would still be in our sins.

1 Corinthians 15:17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

If it would have been a liar or lunatic that died on the cross, we would not have had a sacrifice that was holy and without blemish. Without the perfect sacrifice (Jesus) then all believers in Jesus would perish at death.



Editors Note: "Thank the Lord we serve a risen Saviour."

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Brooklyn Bridge

A blonde and a redhead met for dinner after work and were watching the 6 o'clock news. A man was shown threatening to jump from the Brooklyn Bridge. The blonde bet the redhead \$50 that he wouldn't jump, and the redhead replied, "I'll take that bet!" Anyway, sure enough, he jumped, so the blonde gave the redhead the \$50 she owed. The redhead said, "I can't take this, you're my friend." The blonde said, "No. A bet's a bet." So the redhead said, "Listen, I have to admit, I saw this one on the 5 o'clock news, so I can't take your money." The blonde replied, "Well, so did I, but I never thought he'd jump again!"

THE OLD FISHERMAN

Our house was directly across the street from the clinic entrance of John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. We lived downstairs and rented the upstairs rooms to patients at the clinic. One summer evening as I was fixing supper, there was a knock at the door. I opened it to see a truly awful looking man. "Why, he's hardly taller than my eight-year-old," I thought as I stared at the stooped, shriveled body. But the appalling thing was his face - lopsided from swelling, red and raw.

Yet his voice was pleasant as he said, "Good evening. I've come to see if you've a room for just one night. I came for a treatment this morning from the eastern shore, and there's no bus till morning." He told me he'd been hunting for a room since noon but with no success, no one seemed to have a room. "I guess it's my face: I know it looks terrible, but my doctor says with a few more treatments. . ."

For a moment I hesitated, but his next words convinced me. "I could sleep in this rocking chair on the porch. My bus leaves early in the morning."

I told him we would find him a bed, but to rest on the porch. I went inside and finished getting supper. When we were ready, I asked the old man if he would join us. "No thank you. I have plenty." And he held up a brown paper bag.

When I had finished the dishes, I went out on the porch to talk with him a few minutes. It didn't take a long time to see that this old man had an oversized heart crowded into that tiny body. He told me he fished for a living to support his daughter, her five children, and her husband, who was hopelessly crippled from a back injury. He didn't tell it by way of complaint; in fact, every other sentence was prefaced with a thanks to God for a blessing. He was grateful that no pain accompanied his disease which was apparently a form of skin cancer. He thanked God for giving him the strength to keep going.

At bedtime, we put a camp cot in the children's room for him. When I got up in the morning, the bed linens were neatly folded and the little man was out on the porch. He refused breakfast, but just before he left for his bus, haltingly, as if asking a great favor, he said, "Could I please come back and stay the next time I have a treatment? I won't put you out a bit. I can sleep fine in a chair." He paused a moment and then

added, "Your children made me feel at home. Grownups are bothered by my face, but children don't seem to mind."

I told him he was welcome to come again and on his next trip he arrived a little after seven in the morning. As a gift, he brought a big fish and a quart of the largest oysters I had ever seen. He said he had shucked them that morning before he left so that they'd be nice and fresh. I knew his bus left at 4:00 a.m. and I wondered what time he had to get up in order to do this for us.

In the years he came to stay overnight with us, there was never a time that he did not bring us fish or oysters or vegetables from his garden. Other times we received packages in the mail, always by special delivery; fish and oysters packed in a box of fresh young spinach or kale, every leaf carefully washed. Knowing that he must walk three miles to mail these and knowing how little money he had made the gifts doubly precious.

When I received these little remembrances, I often thought of a comment our next-door neighbor made after he left that first morning. "Did you keep that awful looking man last night? I turned him away! You can lose roomers by putting up such people!" Maybe we did lose roomers once or twice. But oh! If only they could have known him, perhaps their illnesses would have been easier to bear. I know our family always will be grateful to have known him; from him we learned what it was to accept the bad without complaint and the good with gratitude to God.

Recently I was visiting a friend who has a greenhouse, As she showed me her flowers, we came to the most beautiful one of all, a golden chrysanthemum, bursting with blooms. But to my great surprise, it was growing in an old dented, rusty bucket. I thought to myself, "If this were my plant, I'd put it in the loveliest container I had!" My friend changed my mind. "I ran short of pots," she explained, "and knowing how beautiful this one would be, I thought it wouldn't mind starting out in this old pail. It's just for a little while, till I can put it out in the garden."

She must have wondered why I laughed so delightedly, but I was imagining just such a scene in heaven. "Here's an especially beautiful one," God might have said when he came to the soul of the sweet old fisherman. "He won't mind starting in this small body."

All this happened long ago-and now, in God's garden, how tall this lovely soul must stand.

Blonde One Liners

Q: Did you hear about the Blonde coyote?

A: Got stuck in a trap, chewed off three legs and was still stuck.

A brunette and a Blonde are walking along in a park. The brunette says suddenly, "Awww, look at the dead birdie." The Blonde stops, looks up, and says, "Where?"

Q: What did the Blonde say when she knocked over the priceless Ming vase?

A: It's OK Daddy, I'm not hurt."

What Does The Resurrection of Christ Mean?

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1 Corinthians 15:18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

Their faith would have been in a false Saviour. They would have had no atonement for their sins. Dying in their sins, there would be no hope for eternal life.

Jesus declares He arose. It verifies our justification.

Romans 4:24-25 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; **25** Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Jesus declares His blood would be adequate.

Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

By raising Jesus from the dead, God demonstrated His acceptance of Jesus as a sacrifice for our sins!

Romans 8:33-34 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. **34** Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Power is available at our conversion

Colossians 2:11-12 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: **12** Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

1 Peter 3:21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Power is available to live the Christian life

Romans 8:11-13 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. **12** Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. **13** For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Philippians 2:12-13 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. **13** For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. **(Eph 3:20; 6:10)**

It gives us hope concerning our own resurrection.

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Editor's note: This is an extensive Bible study and would take up many pages if I printed out all the verses. Hope you take time to look them up on your own.

Will He Hurt Us?

The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel mike, and as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mike cord as he went. Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again. After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered, "If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"

A New Preacher

A new preacher came to his first church, a little old country church. The first Sunday, only one person showed up for the morning service, a little old man in bib-over-alls. The Preacher said to the man, "Brother, your seem to be the only one to show up this morning, should I preach or what?" The little old man replied, "Well Sir, I ain't no preacher, I'm just an old farmer, but if I had a truck load of hay, and I went to the pasture and only one cow showed up, I'd feed that cow!" The Preacher, inspired by these words of wisdom, began to preach like he never had before, he preached every thing he had learned or heard and then began to make up stuff, finally after 2-hours, he finished. He looked to the little old man and said, "Well brother, what did you think of my first sermon here?" The little old man replied, "Well Sir, I ain't no preacher, I'm just a little old farmer, but if I had a truck load of hay and I went to the pasture and only one cow showed up, I wouldn't dump the whole load on him!"

Lawyer at The Pearly Gates

One day, a teacher, a garbage collector and a lawyer wound up together at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter informed them that in order to get into Heaven, they would each have to answer one question. St. Peter addressed the teacher and asked, "What was the name of the ship that crashed into an iceberg? They just made a movie about it." The teacher answered quickly, "That would be the Titanic." St. Peter let him through the gate. St. Peter turned to the garbage man and decided to make the question a little harder, "How many people died on the ship?" Fortunately for him, the trash man had just seen the movie and answered, "About 1,500." "That's right! You may enter." St. Peter then turned to the lawyer. "Name them."

Three Wise Women

You know what would have happened if it had been three wise WOMEN instead of men, don't you?

They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole and brought disposable diapers as gifts!

Memory Verse For The Month.

Mark 16:6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

Put this verse in to you heart.

Answers to: What Do You Know About The Devil?

1. **C** - The archangel Michael *Jude 9*
2. **B** -A roaring lion *1 Peter 5:8*
3. **A** - *2 Corinthians 4:4*
4. **B** -A lake of fire and brimstone *Revelation 20:10*
5. **D** -*John 14:30; 16:11*
6. **B** -Lies *John 8:44*
7. **C** -*Isaiah 14:12*
8. **C**-The wicked one (Satan) catcheth away that which was sown in the heart *Matthew 13:19*
9. **A** -murderer *John 8:44*
10. **B** - *Ephesians 2:2*
11. **A** - *Matthew 12:24*
12. **D** - *Revelation 9:11*
13. **B** - Paul *2 Corinthians 6:15*
14. **A** -*Ezekiel 28:11-19*
15. **D** -Lightning *Luke 10:18*
16. **C** -David *1 Chronicles 21:1*
17. **B** -Judas Iscariot *Luke 22:3-4*
18. **D** -Simon *Luke 22:31*
19. **A** -Ananias *Acts 5:3*
20. **C** -Sceva *Acts 19:14-16*

Easter Word Search

ANGELS
 APOSTLES
 BETRAYAL
 BLOOD
 CALVARY
 CROSS
 CROWN OF THORNS
 CRUCIFIXION
 DARKNESS
 DEATH
 EARTHQUAKE
 EASTER
 GOLGOTHA
 HIGH PRIEST
 JESUS CHRIST
 JOSEPH
 JUDAS ISCARIOT
 KING
 LAMB

MARY
 NAILS
 PASSOVER
 PIECES OF SILVER
 PIERCED
 PILATE
 RESURRECTION
 ROBE
 ROMANS
 SACRIFICE
 SIMON OF CYRENE
 SOLDIERS
 SON OF GOD
 SPEAR
 STONE
 TEMPLE
 THIEVES
 THREE DAYS
 TOMB

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Easter Bunny One LinerHow do you catch the Easter Bunny?

Hide in the bushes and make a noise like a carrot!

What did the Easter Bunny say to the carrot?

"It's been nice gnawing you."

Why do we paint Easter eggs?

Because it's easier than trying to wallpaper them!

What is the Easter Bunny's favorite sport?

Basket-ball, of course...

What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

Bugs Bunny!

How did the Easter Bunny rate the Easter parade?

He said it was eggs-cellent!

Why did the Easter egg hide?

He was a little chicken

Story of The Miracle Easter Bunny

Jimmy came home on the last day of the Easter term, and to his horror he found his German Shepherd, Rex, with next door neighbors bunny rabbit in its mouth. The rabbit was obviously dead. Greatly upset, Jimmy panicked thinking, 'If my neighbors find out that Rex killed their bunny, they'll hate me forever.' Jimmy quickly took the rather large bunny, and, placing it in a paper bag deposited in the local incinerator tip. On his way home, Jimmy looked into Pets 'R Us and bought a rabbit which he gauged was just like the deceased. Back home, Jimmy took the 'new' rabbit and placed it in the open hutch in his neighbors garden. Later that evening, Jimmy heard a knock on his front door and opening it he found his next door neighbors bearing the 'new' rabbit in their arms. 'Look,' squeaked his neighbor, 'Yesterday Billy was dead and we buried him 4 feet down in the garden. Today we come home and find that not only is he alive and well but he has grown several more teeth but also he has shrunk. It's a miracle.'

THE LITTLE CLEANING LADY

There was a little old cleaning woman who went to the local church. When the invitation was given at the end of the service, she went forward wanting to become a member. The pastor listened as she told him how she had accepted Jesus and wanted to be baptized and become a member of the church.

The pastor thought to himself, "Oh my, she is so unkempt, even smells a little, and her fingernails are not clean. She picks up garbage, cleans toilets - what would the members think of her".

He told her that she needed to go home and pray about it and then decide. The following week, here she came again. She told the pastor that she had prayed about it and still wanted to become baptized. "I have passed this church for so long. It is so beautiful, and I truly want to be a member".

Again the pastor told her to go home and pray some more. A few weeks later while out eating at the restaurant, the pastor saw the little old lady. He did not want her to think that he was ignoring her so he approached her and said, "I have not seen you for a while. Is everything all right?"

"Oh, yes," she said. "I talked with Jesus, and he told me not to worry about becoming a member of your church."

"He did?" said the pastor. "Oh, yes" she said. "He said He had been trying to get into your church for years."

