

From Where We Stand . . .

THE EASTER STORY

Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? For he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

— Isaiah 53:1-8

Farmer Boy

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to his entry comparing his calf with all the others. A feeling of pride and elation swept through Farmer Boy's chest. It was a long way to the bottom as he looked down across the class from his 1st place position.

And when the loud speakers blared, "The winner in this Jr. Yearling Calf Class . . . is . . . Farmer Boy," he was really on top of his pride. And so were his mom and dad.

Another day at another show Farmer Boy had a different calf he got ready to show. He took care of this calf in the same way — led it, fed it, kept it clean, etc.

But in the show ring this calf never got to first base. The judge looked almost disap-

pointed everytime he looked Farmer Boy's way. Farmer Boy was really "shook-up". He had a reputation of being a winner. "Just so that judge doesn't put me on the bottom," he thought. "That would be just too humiliating for words."

But the judge just didn't like Farmer Boy's calf. And the harder Farmer Boy tried to show the calf, the more obvious it became that —

It looked like a long way to the top as Farmer Boy glanced up over the top lines of the large class of calves that day from his last place finish. Farmer Boy truly was disappointed. And so were his parents.

Now it's today. Farmer Boy is finished with youth work. It is all in his past. He's looking for a job either in agri-business or production farming whichever offers something to his liking. He is being interviewed. He has his blue rosette slightly revealed in his left coat pocket.

The personnel manager sits down and peers over his darked rimmed glasses. "Farmer Boy, what qualifications do you bring for this job?" he asks. Farmer Boy shifts slightly on his chair, not wanting to sound too proud.

"Sir," he says meekly after a moment, "I have this blue ribbon I won at the county fair in 1966." Farmer Boy pulls the ribbon out of his pocket a little further for the man to see.

"Oh, that's nice," the man says, "but what do you really know about animal type?"

"Well," Farmer Boy reports hesitantly, "I learned a lot about animal type the time I ended up on the bottom of the class."

"Fine, excellent. There is nothing like a bottom finish to get a good lesson in what is wanted in type."

"And, what other qualifications do you have, Boy?" the man asked.

"I have this blue ribbon I won." Boy looks hopefully at the personnel manager.

But the manager isn't impressed. "What do you know about understanding other people — about putting yourself in the other boy's shoes? If you're hired how will you understand how to get along with your other employees?"

"Well, I was at the bottom once so I know how it feels to —"

"Fine, excellent!" the personnel man exclaims, "You're hired."

Across The Fence Row

Parents with unruly children are usually asleep at the switch.

In order to be able to sleep well, one must keep awake all day, first.

The difference between despair and hope is often a good nights sleep.

When you put your nose in somebody else's business, you generally get your foot in it, too.

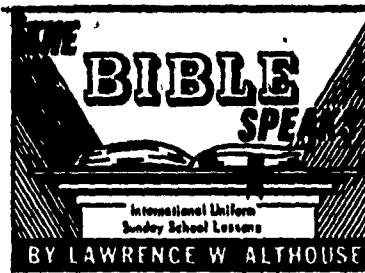
If you cannot do great things in life, the next best thing seems to be to do normal things in a great way.

Genius has its limitations, but vanity and stupidity have no handicaps.

Weather Forecast

The five-day forecast for the period Saturday through next Wednesday calls for temperatures to average much above normal. The daytime highs are expected to be in the low 70's and overnight lows in the mid 40's to low 50's. No real day to day change is expected. The normal high-low range is 63-40.

Rain may total one-fourth inch or less as showers and thunder storms mainly over the interior section during the latter half of the period.



VIVIT! VIVIT!
Lesson for April 14, 1968

Background Scriptures: John 20 and 21.
Devotional Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:51-58.

When accumulating troubles seemed to rise up on all sides, Martin Luther was once seen to write with his finger in the dust of a table-top: VIVIT, VIVIT — "He lives! He lives!"



Just as Luther found strength in that thought of his troubles, Let our troubles be enumerated before us and we can reply in litany-like fashion:
Rev. Althouse seems ready to overwhelm me,
He lives! He lives!
Though friends prove fickle and disloyal,
He lives! He lives!
Though defeat stares me in the face,
He lives! He lives!

A fact for me

There is no trial, no temptation, no problem, no danger, no pain, no sin so great that it can stand in defiance before that overpowering reality: He lives!

The resurrection of Jesus however, is not just that Jesus stands, not as a happy ending for a gripping story, but as a fact or that his humble life inspires that uproots and changes every-thing with which it comes into contact. German theologian Helmut Thielicke testifies: "At the heart of the Good News is a single stroke it has altered my life. For Jesus Christ is a living Lord with whom I may be linked at any moment, who now speaks to me and to whom I may speak . . ."

The Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah is dramatic and stirring music, but for the person who has experienced the reality of He lives! in his own heart and life, even that grand music seems a vast understatement. The experience exceeds our means to express it.

Beyond an empty tomb

Why is this all so important for me? Consider what might have resulted if Jesus had not been raised from the tomb; the disciples probably would have disbanded and gone home with broken hearts. The story of Jesus' death would be little more than the saga of one more martyr who lived, died, and is no more. Paul and others like him would hardly have risked their lives to carry the Good News throughout the Mediterranean world. There would likely be no Church of Jesus Christ and your local congregation would not exist. All of these are highly dependent upon one fact: He lives!

Yet, how did they come to this conclusion? To be sure, they found an empty tomb, but that was hardly conclusive. It merely gave them, perhaps, a ray of hope. Then too, there was the excited testimony of Mary Magdalene. She claimed to have spoken with the Master at the garden tomb. But there was a third reason and it was this that made all the difference: " . . . Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you' " (John 20:21).

To a living Lord

The body of Jesus might have been stolen from the tomb. Mary Magdalene may have been the victim of a hallucination. Now, however, they themselves were seeing him, experiencing his risen presence, communing with him, and receiving the inspiration and strength that only he could give.

Socrates was a great teacher who also died a martyr's death, yet who today seeks his presence in times of crisis and need? Ghandi was one of the finest men who have lived, yet who calls upon him in the event of sorrow or tragedy? These men are dead, gone from us.

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NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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To Recognize Stage of Maturity Livestock producers who are planning to harvest forage crops for either hay or silage should become familiar with the proper time to cut in order to get maximum feed nutrients. Winter rye will be about the first crop to harvest and should be cut at heading time. An Extension Circular titled, "Silage and Silos" is available to cover all forage crops.

To Place Fertilizer Properly . . . All farm and garden producers should keep in mind the danger of getting any nitrogen or potash fertilizer directly in contact with plant roots or with seeds. This means that a com-

plete fertilizer should be placed at the side and deeper than most seeds and plants. Extra attention to prevent fertilizer burn at planting time will be more than worthwhile.

To Be Careful With Weed Killers . . .

The time of the season is approaching when weeds will have to be killed either by cultivation or by chemicals. Gardeners and producers using the chemical weed killers must become acquainted with all details and dangers of using each material. When used properly they will do a good job and be safe; in careless hands they can cause trouble.

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