

From Where We Stand...

THE EASTER STORY

But, oh, how few believe it! Who will listen? To whom will God reveal His saving power?

In God's eyes He was like a tender green shoot, sprouting from a root in dry and sterile ground. But in our eyes there was no attractiveness at all, nothing to make us want Him.

We despised Him and rejected Him — a man of sorrows, acquainted with bitterest grief. We turned our backs on Him and looked the other way when He went by. He was despised and we didn't care.

Yet it was our grief He bore, our sorrows that weighted Him down. And we thought His troubles were a punishment from God, for His own sins!

But He was wounded and bruised for our sins. He was chastised that we might have peace; He was lashed — and we're healed!

We are the ones who strayed away like sheep! We, who left God's paths to follow our own. Yet God laid on Him the guilt and sins of every one of us!

He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He never said a word. He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter and as a sheep before her shearers in dumb, so He stood silent before the ones condemning Him.

From prison and trial they led Him away to His death. But who among the people of that day realized it was their sins that He was dying for — that he was suffering their punishment.

He was buried like a criminal in a rich man's grave; but He had done no wrong, and had never spoken an evil word.

— Isaiah 53:1-9 Living Proverbs

Easter Greetings To You!

When slender, delicate lilies lift their pearly faces toward the sky . . . when glorious music fills the air . . . when families on their way to church have a special look of joy . . . when everything is bright and all are happy . . . then, you can be sure, it's Easter!

It's time to worship and rejoice, time to enjoy all the glad traditions of the season, from Easter treats and Easter outfits to those most precious moments when the sacred story lives anew. And Lancaster County area churches have put forth a tremendous amount of effort in preparation

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for the Easter week programs as so many realized at the Palm Sunday cantatas and other special programs last Sunday.

One prized tradition is the exchange of Easter greetings with our friends and thus, most happily, warmly, we wish for you and yours . . .

A Bountiful and Joyous Easter!

A Man Of History

All of us felt we were prepared for the death of Former President Dwight David Eisenhower for he had suffered so many months, had fought off so many repeated heart attacks — yet when death did come to this great man of history it still was a sad-denning shock. This past week the nation has fittingly paid tribute to his long and distinguished career of serving his nation and the American people.

In the Lancaster County area churches and schools both paid tribute to his memory and public flags here are flying at half mast. A true man of history has passed from our scene.

Across The Fence Row

After holding out for a generation, candy bars are about to join the ranks of ex-nickel-apiece items such as toll telephone calls, soft drinks, newspapers, and cups of coffee.

When a leading candy company recently dropped its line of nickel chocolate bars, it was surely the beginning of the end of an era. Rising cocoa prices were partly the reason. But costs of processing and delivery also contributed.

Just a few years back, when world cocoa prices tumbled for a season, candy men were able to put more chocolate for the money into their candy bars. Now, the reverse is beginning to happen.

Although 5-cent candy bars (along with packs of chewing gum about the only valuable items still available for a nickel) are not slated to disappear overnight, their share of confectionery consumption is likely to continue to drop.

Morals don't necessarily improve as one ages, but inability to misbehave certainly increases.

The man at the weather bureau who predicts light snow obviously cleans his sidewalks with a snow blower.

You can always find it in the Yellow Pages, if someone will just clue you to how the darned things are indexed.

Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. It beats money and power and influence. Single-handed the enthusiast conquers and dominates where the wealth accumulated by a small army of workers would scarcely raise any interest.

A committee is a group of the unfit, appointed by the unwilling, to do the unnecessary.

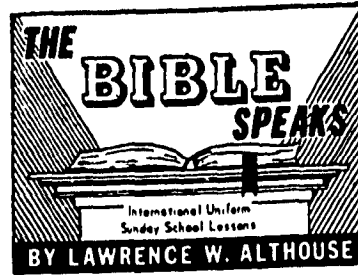
Love for your country is not necessarily expressed by your hatred for others.

Local Weather Forecast

(From the U. S. Weather Bureau at the Harrisburg State Airport)

The five-day forecast for the period Saturday through next Wednesday calls for temperatures to average near normal with daytime highs in the low to mid 50's and over-night lows in the low to mid 30's. Little day to day change. Normal high-low for the period is 59-37.

Precipitation may total ¼ to ½ inch as rain Saturday and showers again at the end of the period.



GO! TELL!

Lesson for April 6, 1969

Background Scripture: Mark 15:42 through 16:7.
Devotional Reading: Acts 1:1-11.

Have you ever been the bearer of good news?

"Dad says I can go!"

"You passed the exam!"

"I found your wallet!"

"We won the championship!"

"We found your little boy, ma'am!"

"She's going to be all right!"

Search your imagination for the most welcome news you might ever carry to someone else. No matter what you come up with, this will always be the best news you can bear to anyone: CHRIST IS RISEN!



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How to say it

Many people have proclaimed this message in many different ways.

Charles Wesley said it with a hymn:

Christ the Lord is risen today,

Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say,

Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high,

Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply,

Alleluia!

Piero della Francesca said it with a magnificent painting, "The Resurrection Morn."

The Apostle Peter said it from a cross in Rome.

Missionaries the world over say it with quinine, powdered milk, books, tractors, and the sweat of their faces.

And you . . . ? How do you and your church say it?

Saying it is important, for that's how Christianity began. On that first Easter morning three sorrowing women went to a tomb, their hearts immersed in sorrow. And there, something wonderful happened!

That is why the Christian message is called the "gospel" (good news). That is why also it is the greatest news story that can ever be taken to anyone.

Perhaps as we have studied Mark's gospel we have regarded Jesus as someone who lived long ago. Yet, let us know that he is also our contemporary. Important though it may be that he once lived, it is even more important to know that still he lives!

That is what we are called to "go, tell . . . !"

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The empty tomb

First of all, they found an empty tomb! Something strange had happened since they had last been there. The huge stone that had covered the entrance was found moved to one side. Going within, they found that the body of Jesus was not there! He was not to be found in the tomb, nor is he to be found there today. The graveyard, the burial vault, the tomb—Jesus is not to be found in any of these.

Secondly, they received a message of "good news." He has risen! (Mark 16:6). Jesus was not missing from the tomb because his body had been stolen away, nor had it disappeared into thin air. He was not there now because he had been awakened from the sleep of death and had risen from the slab to go forth into the world once again. They had come expecting to shed tears over a useless corpse and found instead the good news that their Lord was alive again!

Thirdly, they received a commission: "But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him as he told you." (Mark 16:7) It was a wonderful moment, perhaps the most thrilling moment of their lives, to stand within that tomb and discover that Jesus had conquered death and was alive. Yet, they were not to stand there and savor the moment for themselves, for they needed to "go, tell" others that great news.

Greatest news story

Isn't that what Easter must mean for us too? In fact, isn't this the very basis of what it means to be a Christian?

To discover for ourselves that "He is risen!"?

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Read Lancaster Farming For Full Market Reports



NOW IS THE TIME . . .

By Max Smith
Lancaster County Agent

To Put It In Writing

Many farm leases went into effect April 1 and it is very important that all concerned parties know of all their responsibilities. We realize that an agreement is just as good as the persons making the deal, however, if the terms are in writing and both parties possess a copy, there will be less chance of misunderstandings and unpleasant relations. It's not too late to draw up copies and confirm the lease details.

To Plan Sewage Systems

The problem of sewage confronts many of us. With many new homes and industries being built out in the rural areas, the problem of disposal of waste needs additional attention. Septic tanks and disposal

fields work fine if contractors, builders, and owners understand the requirements and make plans for the system. Some heavy soils will not permit sewage systems to work. A special circular on the subject is available from our Extension Office.

To Kill Brush

The time for killing brush and trees in the dormant stage is getting short and needs attention before all types of crops are planted. The use of 2,4,5-T on stumps and brush will prevent growth without doing damage to other crops if done early in the spring. Caution should be used in the application of this herbicide because it is very selective; it will injure or kill most any kind of tree or plant.