



OPINION

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 every one 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.

And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief; when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

ISAIAH



NOW IS THE TIME

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To Inspect Pasture Fields

It won't be long before some permanent pastures will be ready to graze. I am afraid that some may be grazed before they are ready. However, another area that I would like to review, is that you should walk over the pasture areas before livestock is turned out. Remove all trash to prevent injury and poisoning. Unfortunately, people still use the rural areas to dispose of their solid trash. Some of this may contain glass or poisons that will be harmful to livestock. Remove the junk before the livestock has a chance to become involved. If there is any evidence in the trash reflecting the guilty party (addressed envelopes, etc.), this information should be given to local officials. Most township regulations do not permit the dumping of solid waste on private property.

To Operate Machinery Sensibly
Farmers are always in a big hurry when the good spring weather arrives. As a result, they operate their tractors and other machinery at too high a speed. This presents safety hazards and is the cause of too many accidents. Grain drills and corn planters are designed for

accurate planting, if operated at a normal rate of speed. Often in the rush of things, we travel too fast and the planting job is disappointing.

We urge farmers to take time to properly prepare and adjust their machinery and then drive at a speed that will give good performance. With many pieces of farm machinery the speed is listed on the manufacturer's directions. Take time to be safe and not sorry.

To Control Wild Garlic

Dairy farmers who pasture their milking herd have the most to lose if they do not eliminate wild garlic from their pasture fields. This fast growing wild onion is already growing in pastures and other grass areas.

The young plants are much easier to kill with herbicides than mature plants. We suggest that the plants be sprayed very soon with 2,4-D. This has proven effective in keeping the young plants from maturing; by spraying early in the spring the legumes in the pasture area will not be injured. Since the wild garlic plant is very well rooted, it may take several sprays over a period of two or more years to eliminate the weed from the

area. Don't wait until the plants are mature to make this spray application. Follow label directions when applying any pesticide.

To Avoid Herbicide Residues

Evidence is showing us that residues of atrazine, simazine and to a lesser extent, bladex, are affecting subsequent crops in the rotation following corn. Even though no visual symptoms are evident, the sub-lethal residues, still present in corn field soils, are lowering yields of small grain and alfalfa. Consequently, we must make every effort to reduce herbicide carryover. Here are some recommendations:

**** Soil test** prior to the last year of corn in the rotation. Then apply all the lime recommended before the corn is planted. Liming will release any atrazine, simazine, bladex still tied up in the soil and help control corn crop weeds.

**** Use a low residue herbicide** program avoiding the triazines (above). Lasso and Dual would be choices to consider.

**** To control broadleaf weeds** that might escape, Banvel should be applied as a follow-up.

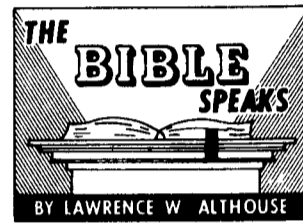
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Farm Calendar

- Saturday, April 2**
York 4-H Spring Judging Contest -- Livestock and Dairy, Penn State. For information Tony Dobrosky, 757-9657.
Monday, April 4
Hunterdon County Sheep Breeders Mtg, Extension Center, Flemington, NJ, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, April 5
Water Quality Fair, Beaver Auditorium in McCreary Hall, Gettysburg College.
Cedar Crest Young Farmers Banquet, Schaefferstown Fire Hall, 7 p.m.
Columbia-Luzerne Dairy Tour, 11 a.m., Richard Kreibel Farm, near Benton. Bring covered dish.
Wayne 4-H Tractor Club Mtg, Extension Office, Honesdale, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, April 6
Hunterdon County Board of Ag. Meeting, Extension Center, Flemington, NJ, 8 p.m.
Thursday, April 7
Chester/Delaware Co. Farmer's Association Banquet, West Fallowfield Christian School, Atglen, 7 p.m.
PA OCIA meeting, Farm Show

- Building, Harrisburg. Larry Lenhardt, speaking on Organic Products.
Friday, April 8
PA Association of Conservation District Directors meeting, Williamsport, through the 9th.
York Extension annual meeting, Jefferson Fire Hall, 6:15 p.m. Carla Shermeyer, 757-9657.
Twin Valley FFA Banquet, 7 p.m. High School cafeteria.
York Co. Extension annual meeting, Jefferson Fire Hall, 6:15 p.m.
Saturday, April 9
Supreme Creation Holstein Calf Sale, State College.
4th Tri-State Rabbit Council and Trade Show, 4-H Park, Denton, Md.
Montgomery Co. Holstein and Dairy Princess Contest, Townamencin Fire Hall, 7 p.m.
Maryland State Holstein Show, Timonium Fair Grounds, 9 a.m.
Monday, April 11
4-H Capitol Days, Harrisburg, April 11-12.
Maryland State Holstein, Cow Palacc, Timonium.
United Egg Producers Spring

- Legislative Meeting, The Grand Hotel, Washington, DC. April 11-14.
Berks Conservation Banquet, Hoggs Hotel, Shortlesville, 7 p.m.
Beef Producers Workshop, Cecil Co. Extension, Elkton, MD, 7:30 p.m.
Mercer-Venango County, Sheep Shearing School, Through April 12, 9 a.m. Carl Gadsby Farm near Grove City.
Tuesday, April 12
Conservation Tillage Field Day, Herbert Myer Farm, 11 a.m.
Poultry Sales & Service Conference, Penn State University, University Park. Through April 13.
Wednesday, April 13
Lawrence County, two-day sheep shearing school, 9 a.m. Whiting Farm near Pulaski.
Thursday, April 14
Land use meeting, 7:30 p.m. Farm and Home Center
Friday, April 15
Western PA Holstein Spring Spectacular, Mercer.
Saturday, April 16
Little International Livestock Expo, Ag Arena, University Park, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
37th Annual Delaware State
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THE LAST FRAUD
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Background Scripture:
Matthew 27: 62 through 28:15.
Devotional Reading:

Romans 6: 1-1.

Essentially, it boils down to this: either you believe that death is the end, or you believe there is an existence of some kind after death. There is no one in the world today who can prove either of those beliefs. People can give you arguments pro or con, but they cannot prove them. Each of us must examine the evidence, make a choice, and live by the faith that we have chosen rightly.

Actually, there are a number of other things in life that we choose in pretty much the same way. Our vocation or spouse, for example — none of us can prove in advance that we have chosen rightly in either case. Yet, as important as these and other choices may be, none is likely to be nearly so crucial to our lives as this one. What we believe about death and its aftermath has a profound influence upon all that transpires before death. If the disciples of Jesus had not been convinced that he had survived the experience of death, there would not likely have been a Christian Church then or now. What we believe about both the aftermath of his death and ours is equally consequential.

AS SECURE AS POSSIBLE

The Pharisees regarded Jesus as

an imposter and we can at least understand their fear of fraud and their request to Pilate that the tomb of Jesus be sealed so that Jesus' disciples could not steal his body. Should that happen, they told him, "the last fraud will be worse than the first" (27:64). Are we any less fearful of being taken in by fraudulent or unfounded religious claims? Haven't we all seen enough fraud and sham in religion to make us permanently skeptical?

But one does not live by one's skepticisms. Eventually we have to choose and live by faith of some kind. So, it is one thing to have some honest doubts; but it is something else to have nothing but doubts by which to live. One of the best ways of working through a choice like this is to ask yourself how you would live with the alternative. How would life work for you if you lived with the conviction that death is the end? What would life be like? What would motivate you? If you can live by this conviction, then, as Pilate told the Pharisees concerning Jesus' tomb, "Go, make it as secure as you can" (27:65).

"JESUS MET THEM"

For millions of us, however, the Pharisees were never able to make that tomb secure enough. The evidence presented by the early church, the New Testament, and millions of others is that the tomb could not contain Jesus! The two Marys met the Risen Christ along the way and he told them to "go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me" (28:10).

For many of us, it is the belief that death is the end that is really the greatest fraud of all.

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