



# 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 53



### NOW IS THE TIME

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#### 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 Consider Culling Beef Cows

With cow prices remaining steady to higher, this may be a good time to consider culling your herd for cows that do not fit your program. One such cause for this culling would be to sell cows which calve late in the season.

Picking the right times to cull cows and purchase replacements is critical to the success of the program, according to Chester Hughes, Extension Livestock Agent. March and April are good times to cull. Market prices are generally higher at this time of the year, recovering from the onslaught of "tax" cows sold after January 1.

The cows could be replaced in November with better cows, which will produce earlier, heavier calves. This would result in more days of calf growth, more bottom line profit.

A new group of cows also may add new genetics to the herd, improve milking ability and increased yearling and weaning weights may be additional benefits to culling late-calving cows.

#### 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

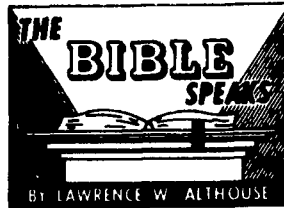
affecting subsequent crops in the rotation following corn. Even though no visual symptoms are evident, the sub-lateral residues, still present in corn field soils, are lowering yields of small grain and alfalfa. Consequently, we must make every effort to reduce herbicide carryover. Here are some recommendations:

**\*\* 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, or 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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### IS IT ALL IN VAIN?

March 31, 1991

#### Background Scripture:

I Corinthians 15:  
Luke 23:55 - 24:12

#### Devotional Reading:

I Corinthians 15:11

I have just come home from a funeral. A 37-year-old mother and friend of the family died suddenly after a few days of hospitalization for an as yet unknown illness. We were in a crowd of 200 people who were forced to stand outside the packed church. We couldn't see or hear much from where we stood, but at one point we did recognize the strains of "Amazing Grace" coming from inside. In the midst of this sorrow, God's amazing grace was still discernible to us in the promise that Nancy is a victor over the grave. Little did I realize that I would come home and be writing about Paul's great exposition on the subject of life after death. Without this promise, life would be futile indeed. In the church at Corinth there were probably some who, influenced by Hellenistic prejudice against the physical body, rejected the idea of resurrection. But Paul knew that without the resurrection, life would be a blind alley: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (15:16).

#### THE SPIRITUAL BODY

Some years ago when I spoke at a neighboring church, a minister told me he didn't really believe in the survival of death. "I believe we live on through our children, our influence, and the works we leave behind us," he said. But Paul is not talking of that kind of immortality. "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most

to be pitied." A hope that lasts only from birth to death and not beyond is not a hope that can sustain us. In the days in which Jesus lived, Jews were divided on the question of life after death. The Sadducees, basing their belief on certain scriptures, believed that there is no existence beyond death. The Pharisees, however, using other Jewish scriptures and traditions, taught the resurrection of the physical body. So, the early "Christians and the Pharisees at least agreed on life after death. But what kind of life after death? Paul comes up with a novel concept, the "spiritual body." Actually, this is a contradiction in terms: if something is body, it is physical, not spiritual, if something is spiritual, it cannot have a physical body. "Spirit" and "body" are seemingly self-contradictory terms.

#### DEATH SWALLOWED UP

Nevertheless, despite Paul's linking of these two apparent opposites, this idea of a "spiritual body" helps us to contemplate the divine mystery of life beyond death. Paul is not giving us an accurate description of the form of our afterlife, he is simply telling us that we will experience life after death in some kind of form or state of being. Our consciousness will continue in a form that is like physicality but still not physical. What is different about this form is that it will be imperishable not perishable, glorious not dishonored, powerful not weak. This is the victory that forms the hope by which we live in a world of death and decay. So we can sing with Paul, "Death is swallowed up in victory... thanks be to God who gives us this victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (15:57). And because we can anticipate this victory beyond death, we can live victoriously before death. "Therefore, my beloved brethren be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your work is not in vain!"

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## Farm Calendar

### Saturday, March 30

Pennsylvania Beef Expo, Penn State Ag Arena, Penn State U., University Park.

Susquehanna Co. Holstein Club tour of Tioga Co.

Bucks Co. Holstein Club tour of Chester Co., begins at Neshaminy Manor, 7 a.m.

### Sunday, March 31

Easter

### Monday, April 1

Centre Co. Sheep and Wool Growers annual meeting, Logan Grange Hall, Pleasant Gap, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 2

Lehigh Co. small-scale farming, Ag Center, 7:30 p.m.

Keystone Farm Credit ACA meeting, Willow Valley Resort, Lancaster, 6 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 3

Direct marketing (beef, sheep, swine) for part- and full-time producers, Sussex Co. N.J. Extension, 7:30 p.m.

Butler Co. Livestock Tour to Mercer Co., Butler Mall-Ames Parking Lot, 8:30 a.m.

Keystone Farm Credit ACA meeting, The Inn At Reading, 6 p.m.

York Co. Beekeepers presentation, "Research On Africanized Killer Bees," Penn State Biglerville Tree Fruit Lab, 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, April 4

Clarion Co. no-till demonstration, Jim Henry's Farm, Porter Twp., 1:30 p.m.

Lehigh Co. tractor safety training, Lehigh Ag Equipment, Chappans, 5:30 p.m.

Mid-East United Dairy Assoc./Federal Order 36 Advertising and Promotion Agency meeting, Sheraton Inn, Pittsburgh North.

Keystone Farm Credit ACA meeting, Days Inn, Allentown, 6 p.m.

Warren Co., N.J. tour of Centre Co., Pa., dairy farms, leave from Wayne Dumont Jr. Building, Belvidere, 7:15 a.m.

### Friday, April 5

York Co. PDA pesticide applicator testing, extension office, 8 a.m.

York Co. Forum, thru April 7.

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