



OPINION

The Prophet's 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 Work Horses With Care

This wet spring has not allowed us to break horses in slowly for fieldwork. Thus, it becomes very important to take it easy with workhorses the first couple of days when spring fieldwork begins.

Give your horses a break periodically and do not make the work day too long for a given work horse.

Elmer Lapp, Lancaster County horseman, offers these additional tips:

- Wash neck and shoulders of your horses every evening.
- Make sure collars and harness fit properly.
- Have your single and double trees as wide as possible to prevent rubbing sores on the horses' legs.
- Use tick face collars or use pads with leather collars to prevent sores.
- Reduce the amount of corn in the diet. Feed oats, bran, and lots of hay instead.

By properly taking care of your horses and ensuring their comfort,

you will receive better performance while keeping healthy and alive horses.

To Teach Children About Dogs

Dogs make great pets and are man's best friend. However, dogs do pose a safety risk, especially with children.

Seventy percent of fatal dog bites occurred to children less than 10 years old. By teaching children some basic safety rules, we may minimize dog bites.

Teach children from an early age not to be cruel to, poke at, or tease dogs. Never leave a child alone with a dog. Teach children to respect dogs during dog activities such as eating, drinking, or playing.

Never approach or attempt to play with a strange dog. Keep children away from sick or injured dogs and female dogs with litters.

Finally, insert yourself between a child and a dog when the situation appears dangerous, such as when a child is harassing the dog.

To Check Milk Replacer For Calves

Glenn Shirk, extension dairy

agent, raises the question, "Do the milk replacers you are feeding to your calves provide enough nutrients for rapid growth?"

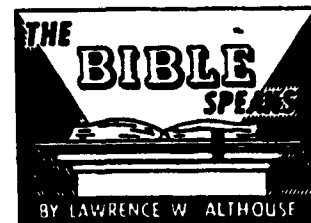
According to Shirk, this depends on the kind and amount fed. For calves to consume as many nutrients as they would from a feeding of whole milk, it may be necessary to increase the recommended feeding rates of some replacers by 50 percent.

To determine the amount you need to feed, calculate the amount of nutrients your calf would consume when fed whole milk. A calf's whole milk requirements is approximately 10 percent of its body weight. Compare this to the nutrient analysis and dilution rate on the feed tag of the milk replacer.

Also, for best results, choose replacers that are made from milk-based products and contain at least 20 percent protein and 20 percent fat.

Young calves sometimes have difficulty digesting soy based products and may develop scours. Remember, as calves develop in size, increase feeding rates accordingly.

Feather Prof's Footnote: "To attain the best from people, chose to think and believe the best about them."



**WHERE IS YOUR
DESTINY?**
April 3, 1994

Background Scripture:
Mark 16:1-8; Romans 8:12-27
Devotional Reading:
Luke 24:1-11

Now the importance of that statement lies in the fact that most of us do not live as if that is true. To the contrary, we live as if our destiny is to be found in the material world, nowhere else. We find our security, our pleasure, our success in material things. We treat the physical body as if it is the chief vehicle of our selfhood. But if life has any message for us it is that the physical, material realities of life are the one thing we can count on losing. And the one thing that lives beyond the veil of death is that which is of the Spirit. As Paul says to the Romans, "So then, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh — for if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body you will live" (8:12).

BY THE SPIRIT

That does not denigrate material things or the physical body. I love the material world in all of its beauty and wonder. I enjoy the flesh that God has given me. There is nothing wrong in the material world so long as we understand that it is not our destiny. Our destiny is with the Spirit. When the physical world and the spiritual worlds collide, go with the latter.

As Paul put it, "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh... but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace" (8:5-7).

Easter reminds us once again that human destiny is to be found, not with the body, not with the physical realities, but with the Spirit. So, to what destiny are you journeying?

Someone has said that "Easter is nothing more than wishful longing for pie-in-the-sky by-and-by." Perhaps that's what it is for some people, but for many of us it is a lot more.

For some of us, Easter is primarily the celebration of a monumental event in the past: Jesus Christ resurrected from the tomb almost two thousand years ago. Without a doubt, Easter is that — all history turns on that single event — but it is also much more.

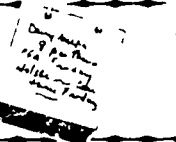
For others, Easter is seen as essentially the promise of a future deliverance for Christ's followers: as he was victorious over the grave, so shall we be. And Easter is that, too — all our hopes and fears turn on that assurance — but it is still much more.

For still others, Easter is the reality that helps us to meet the challenge of the present moment: the resurrection and eternal life can be experienced now as well as then. Surely, Easter is that, too — without that power daily life would crush us and we would emerge as victims instead of victors.

ALL OF THE ABOVE

Actually, Easter is all of the above. Because of Christ's victory over the grave two thousand years ago, you and I trust in our own survival of death some time in the future. And, because of that future assurance of victory, we can live victoriously in the present moment. No, it is not just ancient history or pie-in-the-sky, but power for the present — so long as we understand what it means for us: human destiny lies, not in the material world, but in the realm of the spirit.

Farm Calendar



Saturday, April 2

Chester County 4-H Center Sale, Solanco Fairgrounds, Quarryville, 11 a.m.

Dauphin County Conservation District Annual Consignment Auction, Gratz Fairgrounds, Gratz, 9 a.m.

Southern West Virginia Performance-Tested Bull Sale, Lewisburg, W. Va.

Annual Wye Angus Beef Cattle Sale, Wye REC, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 3

Daylight Saving Time Begins Easter
Eastern Ham and Chicken Dinner, Berks 4-H Center, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday, April 4

Mercer County Sheep Sharing Schools, McMillen Farm, Sugar Grove, 9 a.m., also April 5.

Tuesday, April 5

Poultry Sales and Service Conference, Nittany Lion Inn, University Park, thru April 6.

Solanco Young Farmers meeting, nitrates and well water quality, Solanco High School, 7 p.m.
Wayne County 4-H Tractor and Farm Machinery Safety Certification Program, Wayne County Cooperative Extension, also April 12, 19, 26, and May 3.

Wednesday, April 6

Pa. Poultry Federation Annual Fund-Raising Banquet, Hershey Convention Center, Her-

shey, social 5:30 p.m., dinner 7 p.m.

Mercer County Sheep Shearing School, Whiting Farm, Pulaski, thru April 7.

Thursday, April 7

Chester-Delaware County Farmer's Association Spring Banquet, West Fallowfield Christian School, 6:45 p.m.

Area Sheep Producers meeting, Extension Office, Carlisle, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 8

Pa. Beef Expo Educational Symposium and Cattleman's Conference, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, Beef Expo thru April 10.

Pa. Holstein Showcase Sale, Ag Arena, State College, 10:30 a.m.

International Spring Red and White Show, Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, Md., 1 p.m.

Pa. Jersey Cattle Club state convention, Best Western Hoss's Inn, Bedford, thru April 9.

Maryland State Holstein Silent Auction (embryo and pick of flush), Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, Md., to April 9.

Md.-Del. Sheep Shearing School, Shortall Farm, Queen Anne, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Sheep Shearing School, Rod Nissley Sheep Flock, Campbelltown, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., thru April 9.

PCA annual meeting at Pennsylvania Beef Expo, Farm Show Complex, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 9

International Spring Red and White Sale, Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, Md., 6 p.m.

Maryland State Holstein Show, Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, 9 a.m.

Pond Management Meeting, Raymond Goeringer Farm, Tunkhannock, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Fruit pruning demo, Bertram's Orchard, Honesdale, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Guernsey Breeders Association Kentucky National Show and Sale, Louisville, Ky.

Wayne County Holstein Club tour, leaves county courthouse 9 a.m., returns 4:30 p.m.

Tioga County Dairy Day, Tioga County Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.

Sunday, April 10

Farm Credit Banks of Springfield Northeast Dairy Conference, Sheraton, Springfield, Mass., thru April 12.

National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Md., thru April 16.

Monday, April 11

4-H Capitol Days, thru April 12.
Green Valley Lamb Marketing Cooperative meeting, Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 7 p.m.

Octorara Young Farmers Awards dinner, West Fallowfield Christian School, 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12

EAYFA sprayer and corn planter calibration meeting, Earl G.

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