



# Lancaster Farming

## OPINION

### The Easter Story From Isaiah

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.

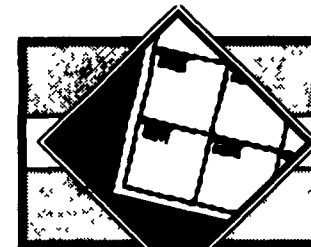
He was taken from prison and from judgement; and who shall declare his generation? For he was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

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 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.



### FARM CALENDAR

**Saturday, April 6**  
Wye Angus Sale, Wye Research and Education Center, Queenstown, education program 9:45 a.m.-noon, sale 1 p.m.

**Sunday, April 7**  
Easter Daylight Saving Time Begins

**Monday, April 8**  
Controlling Flies and Insects On Farms, Tulpehocken Young Farmer program, Tulpehocken High School, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 9**  
Ephrata Young Farmers meeting, scouting seminar, Luke Ray Zimmerman Farm, 7 p.m.  
Lebanon County Spring Promise Calf Sale, Lebanon Fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.

Adams County Holstein Association Dairy Tour to Lebanon County, departs North Gettysburg Shopping Center, 8 a.m.  
Chester-Delaware Farm Bureau meeting, West Fallowfield Christian School, 6:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 10**  
Dairylea informational meeting, Holiday Inn, Cortland, N.Y., 1 p.m.  
Dairylea informational meeting, Cory Creek Golf Club, Mansfield, 8 p.m.  
PennAg Pa. Feed Law Seminar,

Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, 10 a.m.-noon.  
Southeast Regional Christmas Tree Growers meeting, Berks Agricultural Center, Leesport, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, April 11**  
Dairy informational meeting, Mountain View Restaurant, Clifford, 1 p.m.

Dairy informational meeting, High Point Country Club, Montague, N.J., 8 p.m.

Ag Issues Forum, Penn State and Today's Ag Education, Leola Family Restaurant, Leola, 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m.

**Friday, April 12**  
Southeast Region 4-H Pre-Teen Retreat, Doubling Gap Center, Cumberland County, thru April 14.

Maryland-Delaware Sheep Shearing School, Cliff England Farm, Rising Sun, thru April 13.

**Saturday, April 13**  
Md. Holstein 26th Annual State Spring Show, Timonium.  
Equine Garage Sale, Northampton County 4-H Center, Nazareth, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pond Management Meeting, Northern Star Stable, Lake Winola, 9 a.m.-noon.  
Forest Stewardship Landowners Workshop, Mansfield Univer-



**Now Is The Time**  
By John Schwartz  
Lancaster County Agricultural Agent

**To Ration Corn**  
Based on several factors, we are looking at the smallest corn reserves in the history of the United States.

Some experts are even predicating we could run out of corn sometime in September or even as early as August. In 1995 we harvested 10 percent fewer acres and 26.3 percent fewer bushels than 1994. A cold, wet spring and hot, dry summer coupled with leaf blight and worst ever corn borer infestation resulted in this reduced harvest.

However, domestic feeding continues to rise along with exports. If this trend continues for the next several months, farmers need to be making plans for using alternative feed grains, by-products, and rations using less corn.

Planning ahead now could prevent major problems in August, September, and October.

Will the United States run out of corn? It could be close. Now is the time to start discussing management strategies on how to deal with an ever shrinking corn reserve.

**To Know Economic Impact Of Agriculture**

This week I was asked to make a presentation on the economic impact of broiler house expansion in Pennsylvania.

Based on the research I did for this talk, I found for every 48-foot by 500-foot broiler house built, \$1.6 million of additional economic activity is generated every year and 14.3 new jobs are created.

This additional economic activity comes from increased supplies and services purchased to grow the broilers and increased purchasing power people have through higher incomes and profits.

Also, the new broiler house increases farm income, thus helping to maintain profitable farming operations. Each broiler house generates approximately \$7,500 additional income and \$27,000 building rental payment.

With the proposed expansion of 100 broiler houses in the area, we are looking at the creation of 1,430 jobs, increased farm income of \$750,000, \$2.7 million paid for rental of farm buildings, and \$160 million in additional economic growth for the area.

Thus, we see the growth of modern production agriculture is very important to maintaining and improving the local economy.

**To Educate Public Officials With the rapid growth of houses**

sity, Mansfield, 9 a.m.  
Little International, Ag Arena, Penn State.  
Tioga County Ag Banquet, Tioga (Turn to Page A33)

in rural areas, farmers must take a more active role in educating people about modern production agriculture.

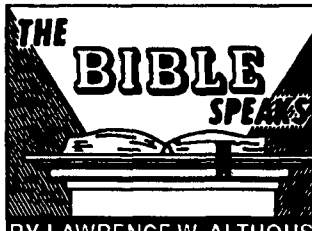
During the past five weeks I have attended three zoning hearing board meetings where farmers were asking for building permits to build barns on land zoned agriculture. In every case neighbors were objecting to these buildings because they would change the character of the neighborhood and reduce property values.

We need to remind local officials that zoning was developed to manage development. An agriculture zone is designed for agriculture production and is a type of industrial zone. People should expect commercial activities to take place within an agricultural zone. By not allowing farmers to build additional animal housing, we are decreasing the value of the farm and may even have an indirect public taking of land.

If we are to maintain farms, we need to keep them profitable. By limiting the building of animal housing on farms, we are decreasing the earning capacity of the farm.

Public officials need to support farmers in their efforts to expand their animal production when state-of-the-art facilities are being built in agricultural zones.

*Feather Prof's Footnote: "If you do not pick up the ball and run with it, somebody else will."*



**THE BIBLE SPEAKS**  
BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE  
**THEIR EYES WERE OPENED!**  
April 7, 1996

**Background Scripture:**  
Luke 24:1-36

**Devotional Reading:**  
Luke 24:1-12

When I graduated from seminary, I could explain the resurrection. Now, I no longer can, but I can experience it. And I have come to realize it is better to experience it than to be able to explain it.

If you compare the resurrection accounts, you'll find that all four agree it happened on the first day of the week. Matthew says it was "toward dawn," Mark, "when the sun had risen," Luke, "early dawn," and John, "while it was still dark." Matthew, Mark and John agree that it was Mary Magdalene who came there, while Luke simply speaks of "the women who had come with him from Galilee." Matthew also says "the other Mary" accompanied her, while Mark says "Mary the mother of James and Salome," and John mentions no one beside Mary Magdalene. All agreed that the stone had been rolled from the entrance to the tomb. John says that, on finding the stone rolled away, Mary ran to find Simon Peter. Matthew says the women encountered an "angel," while Mark speaks simply of "a young man...in a white robe" and Luke says "two men in dazzling apparel."

**JOHN DIFFERS**

From this point on, John's account is quite different: Mary fetches Peter and the "other disciple" and Peter is the first to enter the tomb to find it empty. Mary, weeping outside the tomb, encounters the risen Christ whom she first mistakes for the gardener. That same evening, the Christ appears to "the disciples," but Thomas is not there and disbelieves until Jesus returns again. John also speaks of a subsequent resurrection appearance by the Sea of Galilee.

Matthew, Mark and Luke record the words of the angel/young man/two men, which in Matthew and Mark include the admonition to "tell his disciples" and "is going before you to Galilee." Luke tells us the women—to whom he

adds Joanna—hurry to tell the disciples what they have found. Matthew tells us that afterward, Jesus himself appeared to the women, greeting them with "Hail!" and the admonition to "tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." According to Matthew, it is in Galilee that the disciples first see him. Mark tells us nothing and Luke goes on to tell us about Christ appearing to two disciples on the road to Emmaus and a subsequent appearance to the disciples in Jerusalem.

**BUT SOME DOUBTED**

There is also confusion about the nature of the risen Christ. Matthew says, "they worshiped him; but some doubted." On the Emmaus road, the two disciples don't recognize the risen Lord until he breaks bread with them at the table. In John, Jesus says to Mary, "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father," but when he appears to the disciples he seems to come and go as a "spirit," yet invites Thomas to touch his wounds. In Galilee he eats breakfast with the disciples.

So, how can you explain any or all of that! I can't—just as I can't explain a lot of things that have happened in my life. We call experiences like that "ineffable," meaning we are unable to adequately put them in words. Even romantic love defies precise recounting. People who have what is called the Near Death Experience try to tell us what they experience, but end up admitting they cannot really put it in words.

Again and again in my life I have experienced the power of the resurrected Christ, but I cannot explain that experience to you. I can only share it. That's all any of us can or need to do. There comes a time when, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, our eyes are opened and we can recognize him in our lives.

*The Althouses will lead a group to the Holy Land, Oct. 9 to Nov. 2, 1996. Space limited. For information, write them at 4412 Shenandoah Ave., Dallas, TX 75025.*

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