

KBJS March 2024 Newsletter

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. Matthew 28:6

Thank you for your gift of \$ _____



The Tomb Was Empty!!

This time of year we celebrate Easter -- the celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the grave, His victory over death. As Paul told the church at Corinth: "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born."

~ 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

We know that without the resurrection our faith would be in vain. But, Christ DID defeat death. He DID rise after three days as He said He would; and He IS alive now and with the Father. Because of this, we can have confidence in our hope that He will return one day, and that we can be saved through faith in Christ alone. **THIS** is the Gospel!

"Theology leads to doxology". In other words, our belief and understanding of who God is, and what He has done for us should cause us to worship Him EVERY day.

Does the fact that God, in His love and grace for us, through Jesus alone, bring you to worship Him each and every day? He is indeed worthy!

PSALM 95:6

SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH CHILDREN

There are so many ideas to share the Gospel with children and make it relatable to all ages; using everything from jelly beans to chocolate candies to plastic eggs.

For several years Resurrection Eggs have been a very popular way to share the account of the resurrection and therefore the Gospel. They are sold in stores and online, but you can make them yourself.

You could get elaborate, by including small objects in the eggs, as described below, print out the picture and verse from your computer, or just handwrite the Bible verses and include them in the egg. Numbering the eggs helps to keep them in order. Another option is to let the children decorate the eggs first and then fill them later.

After letting the children find the eggs sit as a family and have the children open them one at a time; discussing each Biblical part of the resurrection account; ending with the Gospel and the meaning of the empty tomb.

1. (Bread – crouton) Matthew 26: 17-26
2. (Coins) Matthew 26: 14-15
3. (Purple cloth, representing a purple robe) Mark 15:17
4. (Thorns or toothpick) Matthew 27:29
5. (Scourge-a small piece of rope or thick string) Mark 15:15
6. (Cross) John 19: 17-18
7. (Nails) John 20:25b
8. (Sign) Luke 23:38
9. (Sponge) Matthew 27:48
10. (Spear) John 19:34
11. (Rock) Matthew 27:5
12. (leave empty) Matthew 28:5-6

