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Rehoboth Baptist Church Newsletter ~ April 2015



From The Pastor's Desk:

Things are not quite what they appear to be.

In 1919, William Butler Yeats wrote the following: "Things fall apart, the center cannot hold, mere anarchy is loosed upon the world, the blood dimmed tide is loosed and everywhere the ceremony of innocence is drowned; the best lack all conviction while the worst are full of passionate intensity." Yeats was not a prophet nor the son of a prophet but his words ring ominously familiar today, almost a century later.

Things do seem to be falling apart. There are serious tears in the moral fabric of Western Society and we are sliding toward chaos and anarchy which is the inevitable destination of a culture without a moral compass. When everyone does what is right in his own eyes, everything is permissible, which of course Numbers 21:25 predicted many centuries before W. B. Yeats. Nevertheless, Yeats sensed that a trend toward chaos was gathering steam and that trend is now looking more like an avalanche. A tide of blood is flooding the globe, the blood of the victims of war, of religious extremism, of crime, of abortion and so on. We sense that things are spinning out of control.

Yeats was also correct when he wrote that "while the worst of men are full of passionate intensity, the best lack all conviction," a phrase that mirror's the earlier words of Edmund Burke: "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." While there are still good men and women, and while many do speak out against an ever darker culture, their voices are overwhelmed by the increasingly belligerent and passionate opposition to righteousness. We sense that events are spinning out of control. But are they? Could it be that things are not quite what they appear to be.

Just before His betrayal and crucifixion, the disciples asked Jesus a question about the future – what will be the signs of Your coming and the end of the age? The Lord's response is known as the Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24:1-25:46). In that great sermon the Lord outlined and predicted many of the things we know that occurred throughout history and continue to occur, no doubt with increasing intensity, today.

Apart from giving His disciples an outline of the future the Olivet Discourse also shows that God is in control, and all things are proceeding according to His infallible plan. Writing centuries earlier, David asked: "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the

righteous do? The answer is for the people of God to look to God, knowing that He will make everything right in His time, "The Lord is in His Holy Temple...His eyes behold the sons of men...He will rain fire and brimstone on the wicked but will uphold the righteous (Psalm 11). Things seem to be falling apart, but they are not always what they appear to be.

For the kingdom
Pastor Ron

News note: **LifeWay removes books from stores.**
In what appears to be a final victory of common sense and faithfulness to Scripture, the Southern Baptist affiliated LifeWay Bookstore chain has removed all "Heaven Tourism" books from its shelves.

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Family Fun Fair

Saturday, August 15th 11:00 – 3:00

He Walked on Water!

The Gospels record more than 40 stories of Jesus performing
MIRACLES!

- He fed thousands
- He healed hundreds
- He cast out demons
- He walked on water
- He raised the dead
- He rose from the dead!**

Planning Meeting - April 19th
How will you help, so that the gospel will be shared and pray that we will see the miracle of new birth.

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MISSION NEWS!

In the month of April we will be praying for Martha Gushee, missionary at the Indian Bible College of Northern Arizona.

The Indian Bible College Epistle, is a newsletter that is published three times a year. Martha is the Newsletter Editor, and these are some of the highlights-

Barry Eagle has served on the IBC Board since 2012, first as Advisor and now as Director. He feels that serving on the Board has revealed something greater than academic achievement, and that is preparation for serving God. He has seen a commitment to God's work and calling in the lives of the leadership team at the school. To see Native people learning and preparing for a life of ministry is truly God's work.

He is very excited that the school is taking steps toward accreditation. It is a time-consuming project, but the staff has made the commitment to pursue it. By God's grace, Indian Bible College will continue to educate and disciple Native believers for lifetimes of ministry and spiritual leadership among their people and the world.

Barry Eagle is Navajo and Lakota and grew up on the Navajo reservation.

He closed with this verse of scripture, "Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare to her" Proverbs 8:10-11.

John and Anne Childs are with the staff at IBC, and work closely with students struggling with the effects of abuse. Their ministry is called Mending The Soul, which is a journey of Biblical healing from abuse. It occurs in the context of a small group. The group works through a very personal process that enables each individual to recognize and reject unhealthy shame, begin to overcome emotional numbness, and to reclaim his or her original design, which is the God-given uniqueness and beauty so scarred by abuse.

The National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (1999) revealed that 79.8% of Native American girls had experienced sexual abuse. Indian Bible College is committed to being biblical, relational, and transformational in its discipleship of students. They recognize how vital it is to help students grow into healthy relationships with God, others, and self. Mending The Soul is one way they are doing that.

Their prayer is that God will use Mending The Soul as a powerful tool of healing in the lives of many students and that they will then be equipped to lead others through the same healing process.

Highlights from Martha's April 2015th newsletter:

Currently the students and three staff are in Hemet, California ministering on and around the Soboba

Indian Reservation. The rest of the staff are working on accreditation for the next two weeks. The students will be on spring break for one week, and the final term of the semester begins April 13th.

Martha will be overseeing Applied Math and Finance in addition to an introductory missions course and teaching piano and guitar.

Martha thanks everyone for their prayers and support.

Prayer requests:

Please join us on April 9th for a day of prayer for the recruitment of future IBC students. We are praying for the largest fall class ever (15-20)!

Pray for the final term, for continued spiritual growth for all of us, and that we will finish well.

Praise!

Praise God for a great student body that is unified and spiritually growing.

For the provision of \$26,000 towards the payoff of the mortgage on the new administrative building.

Praise God for another great accreditation review in November. Please pray as a "self-study" document is developed over the summer. That the school is able to go into the next phase in February 2017.

Please continue to uphold Martha, and the staff and students of Indian Bible College in your prayers. We are so thankful for their faithful ministry to the Native Americans.

Don't forget to pray on April 9th!!

The Sign on Christ's Cross

by Max Lucado

John 19:19 says,

"Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross: Jesus of Nazareth, The King of the Jews."

Why is a sign placed over the head of Jesus? Could it be that this piece of wood is a picture of God's devotion? A symbol of his passion to tell the world about his Son? Pilate intended the sign to threaten and mock the Jews. But God had another purpose. Every passerby could read the sign, for every passerby could read Hebrew, Latin or Greek. In the language of culture, Christ was declared King in them all. There's no language he will not speak. Which leads us to the delightful question: What language is he speaking to you? I'm referring to the day-to-day drama of your life. God does speak, you know. He speaks in any language that we will understand.

From On Calvary's Hill by Max Lucado



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Salt and Light - Impacting My Community

by Cindy Williams

I don't know about you, but I struggle to get out of my home, away from family and church to be active OUT in my community. I would like to know how some of you are "salt and light" and suggest some ways - through your local library. Mine is Attleboro.

1. Before buying a Christian book you want to read, first check your library system to see if it's available.

Give them Grace, Dazzling your children with the Love of Jesus by Elyse Fitzpatrick and her daughter Jessica Thompson was recommended to me. I checked the library system for this unlikely title and Lo! And Behold! It was available from the Somerset Public Library. I put it on hold and in about three days it was available for me to check out at my local library. It appears to me from examining the book that I am the first in the system to read this book. If Christians read "our" books from our library systems, it'd give reason for library book purchasers to invest in more titles like this. Who knows who else might read these books?

2. Participate in library-sponsored lecture series and book discussions. What a perfect place to meet people and bring a pertinent Gospel point of view to a discussion.

3. Join the library volunteer organization that supports library functions and purchases. A perfect way to exert influence for good.

4. Purchase a periodical subscription to a Christian magazine for the library. I have observed that many people spend hours in the periodical room, seeking reading or friendship, warmth in winter or coolness in summer.

While I have not done all that I've written about, I challenge you to think, talk and write about how you are, and might be, "salt and light".

Book Review

Give Them Grace, Dazzling Your Kids with the Love of Jesus by Elyse Fitzpatrick and Jessica Thompson.

This book is primarily written for parents, but grandparents and teachers of children will benefit from reading it as well. In fact, all Christians will profit greatly from reading this book, because the authors remind us over and over that Jesus has done all that God requires on our behalf and that our behavior, even our best behavior, does not make us more favored in God's sight. How easy it is to forget this fact! Yes, we must live as God instructs, but do so in His strength, not our own. The authors take a balanced approach to this.

For parents, she points out that training our children

to obey is necessary, but stresses that we must guard against implying to our children that human obedience makes us good in God's sight, or righteous. This is communicated in the ways we praise, reward and discipline children. Not just parents, but all of us who interact with children need to be wise in this.

The authors present an acronym - MNTCP - that is used two ways. Manage, Nurture, Train, Correct and Promises - in all but the first, she explains how to share the Gospel. Then, Mothers Need To Continually Pray is the other way they use the acronym. They discuss in detail what the first set looks like for a father and mother who are "nurturing their children in the Lord".

Humorous at times, practical with real life examples and suggested words, Biblical in discussion, I found this book to be a good read and recommend it to everyone (not just parents).

It's not just another Christian how-to parent book. The book is available through inter-library loan to library card holders in southeastern Massachusetts.

Cindy Williams

When God Answers Prayer

By Linda Rose

For many years I prayed to the Lord that my husband Bill would come to Christ. Thirty-five years went by and I began to wonder if this would ever happen. I kept praying. I also prayed for Him to lead me to a church that I could join that would be like the First Baptist Church of New Bedford, Ma., the church of my youth. When I came to Rhode Island, I attended some churches, but I never found what I was looking for.

After a while, I gave up searching and just kept praying.

After many years of living in East Providence, we decided to look for another home because we noticed that the neighborhood was deteriorating. We sold our home and searched for a new place to live. We looked at many houses and none seemed right for us. We were intent on remaining in East Providence. My daughter told me about a house for sale in Seekonk that she knew I would love. We went to see it and I fell in love with it. I just knew this was the house for us. Seekonk bordered East Providence and we would still be close enough to our families in Rhode Island. We put a bid in on it and someone bought it out from under us because we took too long to up our bid.

I cried for three days and questioned God as to why I could not have the little house of my dreams. I was feeling discouraged and stressed out because it seemed like nothing was going my way.

Bill tried to comfort me and said that we would build a house instead of buying one. This made me feel very, very sad. I did not want to do this, but I decided to go along with this decision. I searched for land on the



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internet and came to the town of Rehoboth (the great unknown).

We both thought it was too far away from the family. I wrestled with this because we did not know anyone in Rehoboth. We were very apprehensive about this move and gave it much thought. Bill and I decided to buy the land and build. When we finally moved into our home, Bill said that he was interested in finding a church we could attend. I was shocked and told him we would do this right away.

A month passed and Ron and Mickey knocked on our door to invite us to Rehoboth Baptist Church. We waited a month and then decided to attend.

When I walked in I knew this was the church of my youth. I was overwhelmed. Everything I prayed for was coming true. I knew this was no coincidence. God answered my prayer.

He had a plan for us and no matter how hard I tried to thwart it, God stopped me and turned me in the direction that he wanted me to go. When I look back over this trying time, I see God's hand at work. He was going to answer my prayer, but He was going to do it his way and in his time.

I now truly know God's way is the best way. Everything works out best when we let God lead us. He truly knows what will make us happy. We belong to a church that is based on God's truth, we have gained a new family in Christ at Rehoboth Baptist Church, and we have our families close by.

God is great!

Linda Rose

Jesus Let Loose – Steve's Letter

By: Steve Brown

I'm thinking about Easter and gatekeepers. Easter and gatekeepers? Brown, those two things have nothing to do with each other.

Stay with me.

It started with our daughter Robin DeMurga's blog, No More Gatekeepers. In that piece, she referenced the changes that have taken place in the church, and in Christian publishing/broadcasting. She wrote that years ago there were gatekeepers (self-appointed "mothers")—angry, mean and vigilant. Those theological, cultural and institutional gatekeepers were in control and determined who was "in" and who was "out," who had the power and how much, and who was "Christian" and who wasn't "Christian."

All of a sudden, the gatekeepers lost their power—or maybe more accurately, their power didn't matter. Nobody cared.

I remember my friend John Armstrong and his experience with gatekeepers. John's ministry (now Act3 Network) sponsored a conference in the Chicago area that drew thousands of people. John told me that he was "accepted" and "lauded" by the gatekeepers who were often featured speakers at his conferences. There was always something that bothered John. It was the "elitist" nature of what they were doing and the very pointed criticism of anyone who disagreed. At one conference John addressed the problem and called for "repentance."

Do you know what happened? The gatekeepers determined that John was no longer acceptable and the word was given that he was "out." The next year the conference that John's ministry sponsored fell apart, donations dried up, and staff were laid off, and John went through a horrible period of being rejected, vilified and considered not quite orthodox enough.

Today John's ministry is thriving. The gatekeepers still don't like him and say negative things about him. But now nobody cares what the gatekeepers say.

I have hundreds of friends who have been criticized, marginalized and rejected by the gatekeepers, and who have suffered great damage to their ministries and reputations. It's a "gotcha" game and it isn't very pretty.

As I write this, I just finished attending and speaking at the Liberate 2015 conference at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale. There were 2,400 attendees (capacity) from all over America and around the world, with thousands and thousands more watching the livestream on the Internet. It was an exciting place to be. The leaders and scholars who taught and preached were powerful, the worship was a bit of heaven, and the people there were unified in their belief that God wasn't angry at them and the finished work of Christ was really finished. The conference wasn't about what we could do for God, but what God had done for us. The conference was about radical grace and I loved it.

Do you know what really touched me? I stood in the back of that auditorium with tears streaming down my face, thinking of the years I had walked a lonely road believing that I was the only one. (That thought, of course, was extremely narcissistic and insane; but nevertheless, there were times when I wondered.) I wanted to be accepted and affirmed, and while there was some of that, there were the voices that warned, "You have to be careful about Steve and this teaching on grace. People will take advantage of it." Sometimes they said, "Steve is sincere but he never draws the line and we must, for God's sake, draw the line." I was (and I still am) called antinomian and irrelevant, and a preacher of a message of "easy believism" and "cheap grace."

As I stood there I realized that something had changed. In fact, the whole landscape had changed. As I watched those people—young and old, tattooed and necktied, bald and pigtailed, wing tipped and



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sandaled, high-heeled and booted, dreadlocked and barbered—I wept with joy at what God was doing. In fact, I believe that we are sitting on top of an awakening in America led by the kinds of people who cause the gatekeepers to wince...the people who refuse to build walls or to pretend that they are anybody's mother. These are the "terrible meek" who lift up Jesus and say to the world, "Run to Jesus! He's not what they told you! He'll love you and forgive you no matter where you've been, what you've done or who you've hurt."

What happened?

Easter happened!

Jesus happened!

As I was thinking about Easter, I read Psalm 24:9-10: "Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors [gate and doorkeepers, beware], that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!"

In an old play by John Masefield, *The Trial of Jesus*, Longinus, the centurion who oversaw Jesus' crucifixion, reports to Pilate. Pilate's wife, who had dreamed about Jesus the night before, asks Longinus to give her details of how Jesus died. After listening to Longinus, Pilate's wife asks, "Do you think he's dead?" "No, lady," Longinus says, "I don't. He's been let loose in the world where neither Roman nor Jew can stop him."

That's what happened. Jesus was let loose.

I have a friend who says that the message of Easter is "you can't keep a good man down." That's true. It's not just that a dead man got out of the grave and said we could too. It has to do with a living Messiah/King who has been let loose and is now moving among his people. He doesn't give a rip about gatekeepers. He refuses to be told who he can and can't love; he doesn't allow others to decide who he invites to the dance; he refuses to draw lines and throw rocks at sinners. His message is the message of the Northern Ireland billboard: "I love you! Is that okay? —Jesus."

If I sound a bit angry, I'm really not. The truth is that I've been a gatekeeper on occasion and I'm not proud of that. I also realize the need for Biblical measurements of truth. That has always been a part of historic Christianity. You should read my colleague Dr. Justin Holcomb's book, *Know the Heretics*. I'm not talking about that...just the "emperors" who are buck naked and don't know it. I suppose all of us are like that sometimes.

I have friends, a husband and wife, who a number of years ago made the long drive from the dental school where my friend was attending to Miami, their hometown. One time, during the drive, they got hungry and ended up stopping at a rather seedy restaurant, all they could find. They ordered hamburgers and sat at a corner table. While they ate, a

very large, intimidating, and tattooed Hells Angel biker type walked through the door. Everybody got very quiet.

To the horror of my friends, this intimidating guy walked over to where they sat and slammed his fist on their table, shaking the dishes. He looked at them and growled, "Who are you with?" Without a second's hesitation, my friend said, "We're with you!"

That's how I feel about Jesus. The gates were lifted and the doors battered down, and "the King of glory and the Lord of hosts, mighty in battle, walked through."

Gatekeepers scare me to death. I like to be affirmed and loved. I don't like to stand outside the house where so many I admire and respect are patting one another on the back. I want to be a part of the "in" group because I'm...well...uh...that insecure.

But he's the man. The glorified and risen Christ.

I want to be with him, go where he goes, love the people he loves, weep where he weeps, and dance to the music he provides. And when I don't, I'll rejoice that he still likes me.

He told me to invite you too.

Many Gifts of the Cross

by Max Lucado

Much has been said about Jesus' "gift of the Cross."

But what of the other gifts? What of the nails, the crown of thorns? The garments taken by the soldiers? Have you taken time to open these gifts?

He didn't have to give us these gifts, you know. The only required act for our salvation was the shedding of blood, yet He did much more. So much more.

Search the scene of the Cross—and what do you find? A wine-soaked sponge. A sign. Two crosses beside Christ. Divine gifts intended to stir that moment, that split second when your face will brighten, your eyes will widen, and God will hear you whisper, "You did this for me?"

Dare we think such thoughts? Let's unwrap these gifts of grace— as if for the first time.

Pause and listen.

Perchance you will hear Him whisper, "I did it just for you!"

From *He Chose the Nails* by Max Lucado



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How Much Do You Know About Jesus' Resurrection?

1. The word "heart" in the phrase "in the heart of the earth" (Matt 12:40) is translated with the meaning of "middle" or "center" how many times in the New Testament?

- a) 0
- b) 3
- c) 7
- d) 40

2. The word "week" in the phrase "first day of the week" (eg Matt 28:1) is translated from which Greek word?

- a) hebdomas
- b) sabbaton
- c) kurios
- d) mia

3. For how long did Jesus say He would be in the grave?

- a) three days and three nights
- b) 72 hours exactly
- c) until the stone was rolled away
- d) He didn't say

4. Jesus said He would be able to take up His life again of His own power.

- a) True
- b) False

5. When did the betrayal by Judas happen?

- a) Tuesday evening of the crucifixion week
- b) Judas returned the 30 pieces of silver so it didn't really happen
- c) the evening before the crucifixion in the Garden of Gethsemane
- d) at Jesus' trial

6. When did the chief priests ask for soldiers to guard the tomb?

- a) right after sunset on Friday evening
- b) the next day, sometime Saturday
- c) they didn't, Pilate commanded it
- d) when Joseph of Arimathaea requested the body

7. The reaction of the Roman soldiers guarding the tomb to the risen, glorified Jesus was:

- a) they became "as dead men"
- b) they ran back to the city
- c) they worshipped Him
- d) no reaction - they didn't see Him

8. Some believers who had died previous to Jesus' death were raised to life at when Jesus died.

- a) True
- b) False

9. Something was not right about the circumstances of Jesus' death. Was it:

- a) the day He died
- b) the place He died
- c) the way He died
- d) all of the above

10. Mary, who was first to the tomb, then went to where?

- a) John's home
- b) the upper room where the 12 were gathered
- c) back to her home
- d) to buy spices

11. What did Peter and John see when they entered Jesus' tomb that caused them to believe?

- a) that the tomb was empty
- b) an angel
- c) the grave clothes
- d) a note written by Jesus

12. Jesus told the women who saw Him after His resurrection not to hold on to Him because:

- a) He was ritually unclean, having just been dead
- b) He had not yet ascended to His Father
- c) He was in a hurry to visit the disciples
- d) it was not proper

13. What was the ceremony that pointed forward to (foreshadowed) the resurrection of Jesus?

- a) the cup of wine at the Last Supper
- b) the wave sheaf of first fruits
- c) the offering of the Passover lamb
- d) the lighting of the Menorah (candles)

14. What was the sign of Jonah a sign of?

- a) that Jesus was the true Messiah
- b) that He changed the holy day from Sabbath to Sunday
- c) that He, as the Messiah, had power to change the law
- d) that God always honor's our free will

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26(nkjv)



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Bible Quiz – Answers

1. Answer: a) 0 - It never has that meaning in any other verse in the New Testament, evidence is that it likely doesn't mean that in Matt 12:40 either.
2. Answer: b) sabbaton - Isn't it curious that the phrase "first day of the week" should be based on a translation of a word which means "sabbath," the seventh day of the week?
3. Answer: d) He didn't say - Jesus never said how long He would be in the grave. He said how long He would be in "the heart of the earth" but that phrase is not a reference to the grave.
4. Answer: b) False - "No man taketh it from me, but lay it down of myself, I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take <2983> it again. This commandment have I received <2983> of my Father." (John 10:18)

The word translated "take" would better be translated (as it most commonly is) as "received." The "word" power (Greek "exousia") is "authority" to do it as opposed to power from the Greek "dunamis" from which we get dynamite or physical power or ability to do something.

Notice also that the word "take" is from the same Greek word used for "have I received of my Father."

Jesus was dead; He could not do anything; He could not take life: He had to receive it just as Adam had to first receive life. If He was in any way less than dead, His sacrifice would not have paid the penalty for sin "For the wages of sin is death ..." (Rom 6:23) Here are verses that show that it was the Father that raised Him from the dead: Col 2:12, Rom 8:11, 1 Cor 6:14, 2 Cor 13:4, Eph 1:17-20.

5. Answer: a) Tuesday evening - The book gives details of the timing of the dinner at Simon's house. Judas left from there and "... went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them." (Mark 14:10) Later, relating events before they reached the Garden it says: "And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead him away safely." (Mark 14:44) The betrayal, the deal, was made before the Garden. This marks the beginning of the three days and three nights time period. It was later, in the garden, when the actual handover (also referred to as betrayal but really the second stage of it) occurred.

6. Answer: a) right after sunset on Friday evening - "Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first." (Matt 28:62-64) The next verses describe how the watch was granted and set.

"The next day, that followed the day of the preparation" would be the Sabbath which starts at sunset. The priests were afraid the disciples would steal Jesus body. Of course, they could have stolen the body even on the first night and claimed anytime later that He had risen. The priests weren't taking any chances.

7. Answer: d) they didn't see Him - It was for fear of the angel who rolled away the stone that they "... became as dead men." (Matt 28:4) Jesus was likely resurrected well before this and the stone would have been no impediment to Him.
8. Answer: b) False - They were raised not at His death but after His resurrection. "And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many." (Matt 27:53)
9. Answer: d) all of the above - He died on Nisan 15 rather than Nisan 14 (you need to read the book to get the reasoning on this one).

He should have died within the city, in fact, within the temple but instead was crucified as a common criminal "without the gate" (Heb 13:12).

What lamb was ever crucified? He was released from God's protection so that He was subject to the will of man ("in the heart of the earth") to do with Him as they pleased and they "sacrificed" Him in the most cruel and humiliating manner. Don't think for a moment that God invented crucifixion.

10. Answer: a) John's home - The bible says of Mary that she saw the stone rolled away and "Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him." (John 20:2) Remember that Jesus said to John "... Behold thy mother! And from that hour that



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disciple took her unto his own home." (John 19:27) After seeing the empty tomb for themselves, it says of Peter and John: "Then the disciples went away again unto their own home." (John 20:10) Apparently, they were at a location separate from the rest of the disciples.

11. Answer: c) the grave clothes - "Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed." (John 20:6-8) Had the tomb just been empty they would have thought the body had been stolen. Something unique about the grave clothes was proof of the resurrection. Read about it in the book.

12. Answer: b) He had not yet ascended to His Father - "Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father ..." (John 20:17)

Further evidence for this comes from the fact that a short time later "... as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him." (Matt 28:9) He allowed this and had evidently been to His Father in the intervening time.

13. Answer: b) the wave sheaf of first fruits - "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept." (1 Cor 15:20)

Now that we are looking back to His resurrection, the ceremony that is to commemorate it is our personal baptism "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Rom 6:4)

14. Answer: d) that God always honor's our free will - Remember, whatever this was a sign of, it was the only sign that would be given. A case of allowing man to have his free will is not a sign; it is and always had been God's policy. But an instance where He allowed His only-begotten Son to be within the control of man ("in the heart of the earth") to do with as they pleased to the point of crucifying Him could surely be classed as a sign. The sign could not have been more extreme.

Ecclesiastes 3 (nkjv)

To everything *there is* a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven:

A time to be born,
And a time to die;
A time to plant,
And a time to pluck *what is* planted;
A time to kill,
And a time to heal;
A time to break down,
And a time to build up;
A time to weep,
And a time to laugh;
A time to mourn,
And a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones,
And a time to gather stones;
A time to embrace,
And a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to gain,
And a time to lose;
A time to keep,
And a time to throw away;
A time to tear,
And a time to sew;
A time to keep silence,
And a time to speak;
A time to love,
And a time to hate;
A time of war,
And a time of peace.

"Anyone who is to find Christ must first find the church. How could anyone know where Christ is and what faith is in him unless he knew where his believers are?" Martin Luther

PSALM 138

I will praise You with my whole heart;
Before the gods I will sing praises to You.
I will worship toward Your holy temple,
And praise Your name
For Your lovingkindness and Your truth;
For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.
In the day when I cried out, You answered me,
And made me bold with strength in my soul.
All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O Lord,
When they hear the words of Your mouth.
Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
For great is the glory of the Lord.
Though the Lord is on high,
Yet He regards the lowly;
But the proud He knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me;
You will stretch out Your hand
Against the wrath of my enemies,
And Your right hand will save me.
The Lord will perfect that which concerns me;
Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever;
Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

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