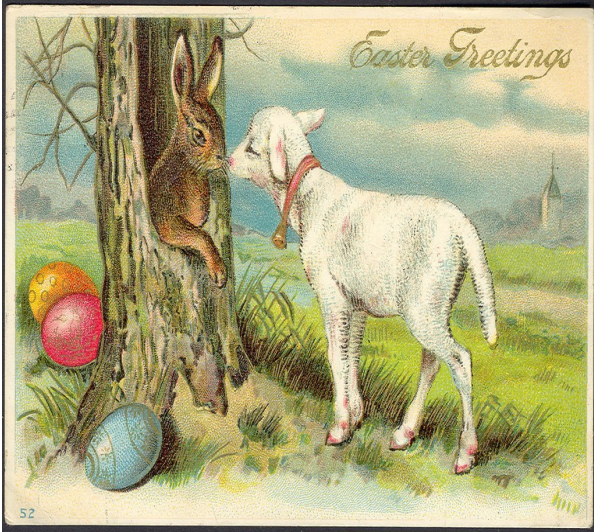


Spreading the **WORD** Ministry



It's Not About The Bunny But About The Lamb

Easter arrives each year with bright colors, baskets, and the familiar image of the bunny hopping across store shelves and television screens. Children laugh, families gather, and traditions unfold. But for the believer, Easter is far more than a holiday of springtime cheer. It is the celebration of the greatest act of love the world has ever known. It is not about the bunny — it is about the Lamb.

Years ago, a Sunday school teacher asked her class what Easter meant to them. One little boy eagerly raised his hand and said, "It's when the Easter Bunny brings candy!" Another child chimed in, "It's when we hunt eggs!" But then a quiet girl in the back lifted her hand and said softly, "Easter is when Jesus, the Lamb of God, died for our sins and rose again on the third day so we could live forever."

The room fell silent. Even the teacher felt the weight of her words. In that moment, the children were reminded and so were the adults, that Easter is not about the bunny. It is about the Lamb who was slain, the Lamb who lives, and the Lamb who saves.

From the very beginning, God pointed His people toward a sacrificial lamb that would one day take away sin completely. When Abraham told Isaac, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering" (Genesis 22:8), he spoke prophetically of Christ. When the Israelites placed the Passover lamb's blood on their doorposts, it foreshadowed the blood of Jesus that would be shed on the cross. John the Baptist declared it plainly when he saw Jesus coming toward him: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

This was no ordinary lamb. This was the spotless, sinless Son of God, the only One worthy to redeem mankind.

Easter cannot be understood without the cross. Isaiah prophesied of Christ's suffering with striking clarity: "He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter" (Isaiah 53:7). Jesus willingly laid down His life. He was not forced. He was not trapped. He was not defeated. He was the Lamb who chose the altar.

At Calvary, the Lamb of God bore the weight of every sin not just mine, but yours and of the world's. The nails did not hold Him there; love did. As He cried, "It is finished" (John 19:30), the work of redemption was complete. The veil was torn. The sacrifice was accepted. The Lamb had paid it all.

But the story does not end at the tomb. On the third day, the Lamb became the Lion. Death lost its grip. The stone rolled away. The Savior stepped out in victory. The angel declared the message that still echoes through the ages: "He is not here: for he is risen" (Matthew 28:6).

This is the heartbeat of Easter. Not eggs. Not candy. Not springtime symbols. A risen Lamb. A living Savior. A conquering King.

In Revelation, John gives us a glimpse of eternity: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain" (Revelation 5:12). Heaven does not worship a bunny. Heaven worships the Lamb. And so should we.

As Spreading the **WORD** Ministry continues the mission God has entrusted to us. Easter reminds us why we do what we do. We share the Gospel because the Lamb is worthy. We send sermons, print messages, and proclaim the truth because souls still need the Savior. Every broadcast, every newsletter, every prayer, every offering, it all points back to the lamb of God.

This Easter, let us lift high the name of Jesus. Let us be reminded and stress to our communities that Easter is not a fairy tale of springtime magic. It is the true story of sacrificial love, victorious resurrection, and eternal hope.

When you see the pastel colors and the chocolate bunnies this season, smile but don't stop there. Let them remind you of something far greater:

The Lamb came. The Lamb died. The Lamb rose and The Lamb lives. And because He lives, we CAN face tomorrow with confidence, joy, and purpose.

This Easter, may our hearts echo the words of John the Revelator: "Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever" (Revelation 5:13).

He is worthy. He is risen. He is the reason.

May you and yours have a very blessed Easter.

"So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing
by the **WORD** of God." Romans 10:17

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My Broken Chains

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“Thank God I am finally free!”

He appeared exhausted, dressed in a tattered suit and a wide, outdated tie as he descended the front steps of the state penitentiary. With his hands buried in his pockets and a barely-contained grin, he confidently descended the stairs toward the embrace of his family and a swarm of waiting reporters. Jason had been imprisoned for 19 years for a murder that DNA evidence proved he did not commit. “Finally, I am free. I thank God for this blessing. I thought I was destined to die behind bars.”

I sincerely hope that cases like this are the rare exception within the American judicial system. Yet, in our spiritual lives, this harsh reality is something each of us must confront. We are all inherently inclined toward sin—the concept of original sin holds true across many beliefs. This innate flaw binds us to worldly desires, fueling relentless cravings, envy, greed, deception, and even violence as we attempt to satisfy ourselves. Satan’s grip is real, lingering around us, holding us in a state of spiritual captivity.

Many prefer staying in a spiritual prison because sin can be deeply pleasurable in the moment. They resist breaking free, convinced that their current state is acceptable. Over time, they become accustomed to their chains, settling for a shallow, bleak existence rather than seeking true freedom. But Jesus truly frees us. Embracing His grace empowers us to step outside and descend the stairs, just like Jason did, to experience genuine love firsthand. His sacrifice breaks our chains, giving us access to Love itself—away from carnal bonds to a state of everlasting bliss.

Jesus willingly died on the cross to free us from the prison of sin. While Jason may have lost many precious years, we don’t have that limitation. Through His death and resurrection, we are offered the promise of eternal life—the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord, Romans 6:23—the ultimate gift available to all who believe.

We can all be Jason because of Christ’s death and resurrection. He has freed us, and we can now go to his open arms, if only we will. If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. — Romans 10:9

Nothing more joyous could ever be written this Easter season.



Resurrection Rolls (Empty Tombs Rolls)

Ingredients

1. 1 can of refrigerated crescent roll dough
2. 1 bag of large marshmallows (Representing Jesus’ body)
3. Cinnamon and Sugar Mixture
4. Baking sheet lined with parchment paper

Instructions

1. Preheat your oven to 375°F.
2. Prepare the marshmallows:
Open marshmallows
Open a crescent roll triangle.
Roll the marshmallow in butter and sprinkle with the sugar,
cinnamon mixture and place in the center of the Crescent roll triangle
Fold the dough tightly around it, sealing all edges.
(This represents wrapping Jesus in linen)
3. Bake for 10–12 minutes, until golden brown.
Cool slightly, then open one.
You will find the marshmallow has melted away, leaving the inside hollow.
(A picture of the empty tomb—He is not here, for He is risen.)

Optional Add Ons

- Drizzle with a light glaze
- Add crushed graham crackers to the cinnamon mixture
- Use jumbo marshmallows for dramatic “empty tomb” effect



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“He is not here: for he is risen.” Use your imagination and make this an object lesson your children will never forget !

HAVE A VERY BLESSED EASTER.
HE IS RISEN!