

Are 'Easter eggs' really in memory of Christ's death?

When you remember your dead loved ones, do you hide colored eggs around their gravesites? Do you gather at places that are important to them and pass around chocolate rabbits? I think it's safe to assume no one said "yes."

Then does it seem reasonable that rabbits and "Easter eggs" are part of an event to remember Christ's death? What does his death really mean for us?

Romans 5:8, 9 says, "But God recommends his own love to us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more, therefore, since we have been declared righteous now by means of this blood, shall we be saved through him from wrath."

The sacrifice Christ made was the greatest demonstration of love of all time, on his part and on God's. It was an incredibly difficult, agonizing thing to do.

John Chapters 18 and 19 describe Jesus' last day on earth. I'm going to share some highlights here, but I encourage you to read the whole



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account from your Bible.

Chapter 18:3, 12-17 say: "Therefore Judas took the soldier band and officers of the chief priests and of the Pharisees and came there with torches and lamps and weapons."

"Then the soldier band and the military commander and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus and bound him, and they led him first to Annas; for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was high priest that year..."

"Now Simon Peter as well as another disciple, was following Jesus. That disciple was known to the high priest, and he went in with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the door."

"Therefore the other disciple,

who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper and brought Peter in. The servant girl, the doorkeeper, then said to Peter, 'You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?' He said, 'I am not.'"

Jesus' apostles were his closest friends on earth — one betrayed him, leading to his arrest, and another denied knowing him. And his night had just begun.

The chief priest questioned Jesus, slapped him and sent him to the high priest; from there, he was sent to the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate.

Chapter 19:1-7, 14-18 say: "At that time, therefore, Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers braided a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him with a purple outer garment; and they began coming up to him and saying: 'Good day, you King of the Jews!' Also, they would give him slaps in the face. And Pilate

went outside again and said to them: 'See! I bring him outside to you in order for you to know I find no fault in him.'

"Accordingly, Jesus came outside, wearing the thorny crown and the purple outer garment. And he said to them: 'Look! The man!' However, when the chief priests and the officers saw him, they shouted, saying: 'Impale him! Impale him!' Pilate said to them: 'Take him yourselves and impale him, for I do not find any fault in him.' The Jews answered him: 'We have a law, and according to the law he ought to die, because he made himself God's son.'"

"Now it was preparation of the passover: it was about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews: 'See! Your king!' However, they shouted: 'Take him away! Take him away! Impale him!' Pilate said to them: 'Shall I impale your king?' The chief priests answered: 'We have no king but Caesar.' At that time, therefore, he handed him over to them to be impaled. Then they took charge

of Jesus. And, bearing the torture stake for himself, he went out to the so-called Skull Place, which is called Golgotha in Hebrew; and there they impaled him, and two other men with him, but Jesus in the middle."

Now, we've all had bad days, but has anyone had one this bad? We would do about anything to get out of something so painful. Did Jesus endure all of this because he had no choice?

In Matthew's account of Jesus' arrest, the apostle records Jesus' response to Peter cutting the ear off the high priest's slave. Matthew 26:53 says, "Or do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father to supply me at this moment more than twelve legions of angels?"

Jesus had the means to get out of it, but he suffered these things because, as the above scripture in Romans said, it shows his love for us, and he gave us the means to be saved from sin and death.

Other reasons are revealed in Luke 22:19, 20 and 28-30: "Also, he

took a loaf, gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to them, saying: 'This means my body which is to be given in your behalf. Keep doing this in remembrance of me.' Also, the cup in the same way after they had the evening meal, he saying: 'This cup means the new covenant by virtue of my blood, which is to be poured out in your behalf.'

"However, you are the ones that have stuck with me in my trials; and I make a covenant with you, just as my Father has made a covenant with me, for a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones to judge the twelve tribes of Israel."

Jesus' death was necessary to fulfill the scriptures, to sanctify God's name and to bring about his purpose for the earth and mankind.

We should take time to reflect on the powerful message behind Jesus' actions, to think deeply about the sacrifice he made and to rejoice in the hope we have before us because of him.

Number of children being raised by grandparents is on the rise

An increasing number of children live in households headed by grandparents, most commonly due to teenage pregnancies, the high rate of divorce and the increase in single-parent families.

Other reasons include the death or disability of parents, parental abuse or neglect, substance abuse of parents or the incarceration of parents. The grandparents range in age from the 30s to the 70s, and their situations vary.

Most are ready and eager to take on the role of nurturer and caretaker.



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Many have already simplified their lives, are making plans for retirement or have retired.

For them, giving up those plans and taking on the responsibilities of being a parent can bring up many feelings, including loss, grief, an-

ger, resentment and guilt. In addition, their financial burdens will most likely increase.

Many children moving in to live with their grandparents arrive with risk factors, such as abuse, neglect, prenatal exposure to drugs and alcohol and the loss of parents due to death, incarceration or abandonment.

Many are in need of, not only love

and caring, but also structure, clear expectations and effective discipline. The transition for both children and grandparents can be very stressful.

Infants and preschoolers require a great deal of time and energy, and dealing with adolescents of a different generation can be particularly challenging.

Many grandparents underestimate or are unaware of the added burdens of taking on the role of parent. The role of nurturer comes easy, but they must also become, once

again, the adults who establish control and set limits.

It is important for these grandparents to receive support and assistance from other family members, support groups, the faith community and social services agencies. In some situations, financial aid may be available.

Teachers, counselors and mental health professionals are also available to serve as resources.

Grandparents must be able to take care of themselves and their own lives in order to also be suc-

cessful as parents to their grandchildren.

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Zinc, sometimes deficient in western Kansas corn, needed for plant growth

Most Kansas soils contain adequate quantities of micronutrients — except zinc. Zinc can sometimes be deficient for corn in western Kansas.

Zinc is involved in the production of chlorophyll, protein and several plant enzymes involved in plant growth. When plants lack zinc, the first symptoms will be seen on the new leaves coming out of the whorl, which turn yellow-bronze to whit-



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ish in a band between the leaf midvein and margin.

Symptoms will be most severe at

the base of the leaf, while the leaf tip may remain green. Once the symptoms have developed, they do not disappear. Stunted plants can result from zinc

deficiency because of shortened internodes.

The conditions that are most con-

ducive to zinc deficiencies are exposed subsoils, recently leveled with low organic matter, and high pH calcareous soils. High pH, calcareous soils can cause zinc deficiencies because as the pH increases, zinc is less soluble in soil solution.

Zinc is 100 times less soluble at pH 8 than at pH 5. Low organic matter can cause less zinc that is available to plants. This is most

common on eroded soils or places where subsoil has been exposed because of terracing or leveling of fields.

Soil conditions and weather can also play a role in developing zinc deficiencies in corn. Early-season zinc deficiencies occur more frequently in late or cold springs, causing cold soils, because of slow root growth and slow release of zinc from organic matter.

Corn hybrids differ in susceptibility to zinc deficiency. If zinc deficiency could be a problem in your fields, consult with your seed representative for ratings on corn hybrids.

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District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court: **July 22, 1999** — Brandon D. McGrady, \$66 reinstated for speeding.

Nov. 29, 2002 — Clifton L. Harris, \$315 reinstated for first conviction of driving while suspended and speeding.

Aug. 5, 2004 — George P. Shorter, \$300 reinstated for no liability insurance and \$120 reinstated for unlawful acts with vehicle.

May 2, 2006 — Brandi D. Dunn, \$132 reinstated for speeding.

July 9 — Geoffrey S. Niblock, \$187 reinstated for speeding.

Dec. 31, 2006 — Robyn Shannon Rose, \$91 for driving on close road.

Jan. 16, 2007 — Daniel T. Hamm, \$100 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations and \$166 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

Jan. 18 — Edward P. Webb, \$120 for speeding.

Jan. 24 — Eddie L. Grant, \$125 for no driver's license.

Stephen L. Husted, \$166 for no Kansas registration.

Feb. 9 — Warren D. Schumaker, \$126 for improper parking.

Feb. 15 — Nicholas J. Liegl, \$174 for speeding.

Feb. 16 — Hosea D. Barnes, \$246 for overweight load.

Feb. 17 — Anthony J. Quartaro, \$174 for speeding.

Feb. 23 — Joseph C. Jones III, \$246 for speeding.

Jess A. McCabe, \$120 for speeding.

Feb. 25 — Juan C. Godina, \$126 for no driver's license.

Christina M. Smith, \$126 for speeding.

Feb. 28 — Elisia F. James, \$366 for first conviction of driving while suspended and \$300 for speeding.

Feb. 26 — Marva S. Allred, \$174 reinstated for speeding.

Feb. 27 — John W. Johnson Jr., \$219 for speeding.

March 2 — John A. Browning II, \$126 for speeding.

William A. Goodman, \$150 for speeding.

Cesar Quintana, \$258 for transporting an open container and \$10 for no seat belt.

Robert S. Weller, A\$228 for speeding.

March 3 — Tina M. Blitstein, \$138 for speeding.

Valerian R. Vosburgh, \$138 for speeding.

March 4 — Rodney w. Howe, \$102 for speeding and \$180 for failure to yield to emergency vehicle.

David L. Junker, \$120 for speeding.

Ryan A. Llewellyn, \$120 for speeding.

Michael J. McBride, \$126 for speeding and \$60 for failure to yield at stop or yield sign.

March 7 — Clifford J. Stenzel, \$120 for speeding.

March 10 — Estanislado DeLaRosa, \$174 for improper parking and dismissed for no liability insurance.

Molly Groomalter, \$144 for speeding.

Tiffany M. Mitchell, \$120 for speeding.

Chad R. Woods, \$132 for speeding.

March 11 — James M. Eddy, \$126 for speeding.

John M. Rasmussen, \$114 for speeding.

March 12 — Mary A. Castro, \$126 for speeding.

Robert A. Gardner III, \$114 for speeding and \$60 for no child seat belts.

Alexander Kondenko, \$138 for speeding.

Israel M. Slobodkin, \$114 for speeding.

March 13 — Marshall E. Crossnoe, \$126 for speeding.

March 14 — Charles M. Horinek, \$126 for speeding.

March 15 — Lynn M. Garlick, \$132 for speeding.

March 16 — Robert A. Cohen,

\$156 for improper parking.

Steve T. Doan, \$132 for speeding.

Julia L. Hogan, \$138 for speeding.

March 17 — Thomas C. Hartman, \$396 for speeding.

March 18 — Juan A. Arce-Moran, \$138 for speeding.

March 20 — Mark A. Crowell, \$132 for speeding.

Patrick A. Fleming, \$132 for speeding.

Alexandria M. Turner, \$165 for improper parking.

March 21 — Kristine A. Zorn, \$144 for speeding.

March 23 — Yu F. Huang, \$144 for speeding.

March 24 — Howard K. Reimer, \$108 for improper parking.

March 26 — Mark C. Struckhoff, \$10 for no seat belt.

Childbirth classes planned

Citizens Medical Center in Colby will hold a four-week series of childbirth classes beginning from 6 to 9 p.m. (Mountain Time) Thursday and April 12, 19 and 26 on the hospital campus.

Mothers in their last trimester are encouraged to attend along with their partners. The next series of classes will be in July. To register, call Jeanene Brown at (785) 460-4850.

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