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**"What is the meaning and importance of the ascension of Jesus Christ?"**

**Answer:** After Jesus rose from the dead, He "presented Himself alive" ([Acts 1:3](#)) to the women near the tomb ([Matthew 28:9-10](#)), to His disciples ([Luke 24:36-43](#)), and to more than 500 others ([1 Corinthians 15:6](#)). In the days following His resurrection, Jesus taught His disciples about the kingdom of God ([Acts 1:3](#)).

Forty days after the resurrection, Jesus and His disciples went to Mount Olivet, near Jerusalem. There, Jesus promised His followers that they would soon receive the Holy Spirit, and He instructed them to remain in Jerusalem until the Spirit had come. Then Jesus blessed them, and as He gave the blessing, He began to ascend into heaven. The account of Jesus' ascension is found in [Luke 24:50-51](#) and [Acts 1:9-11](#).

It is plain from Scripture that Jesus' ascension was a literal, bodily return to heaven. He rose from the ground gradually and visibly, observed by many intent onlookers. As the disciples strained to catch a last glimpse of Jesus, a cloud hid Him from their view, and

two angels appeared and promised Christ's return "in just the same way that you have watched Him go" ([Acts 1:11](#)).

### **The Ascension of Jesus Christ is meaningful for several reasons:**

1) It signaled the end of His earthly ministry. God the Father had lovingly sent His Son into the world at Bethlehem, and now the Son was returning to the Father. The period of human limitation was at an end.

2) It signified success in His earthly work. All that He had come to do, He had accomplished.

3) It marked the return of His heavenly glory. Jesus' glory had been veiled during His sojourn on earth, with one brief exception at the Transfiguration ([Matthew 17:1-9](#)).

4) It symbolized His exaltation by the Father ([Ephesians 1:20-23](#)). The One with whom the Father is well pleased ([Matthew 17:5](#)) was received up in honor and given a name above all names ([Philippians 2:9](#)).

### The Ascension of Jesus Christ is meaningful for several reasons: continued

5) It allowed Him to prepare a place for us ([John 14:2](#)).

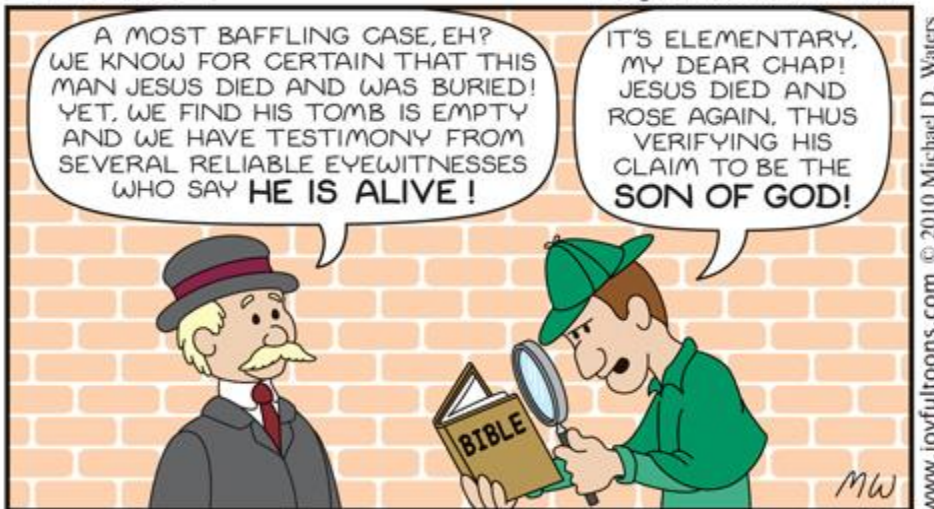
6) It indicated the beginning of His new work as High Priest ([Hebrews 4:14-16](#)) and Mediator of the New Covenant ([Hebrews 9:15](#)).

7) It set the pattern for His return. He will return just as He left-literally, bodily, and visibly in the clouds ([Acts 1:11](#); [Daniel 7:13-14](#); [Matthew 24:30](#); [Revelation 1:7](#)).

Currently, the Lord Jesus is in heaven. The Scriptures frequently picture Him at the right hand of the Father—a position of honor and authority ([Psalm 110:1](#); [Ephesians 1:20](#); [Hebrews 8:1](#)). Christ is the Head of the Church ([Colossians 1:18](#)), the giver of spiritual gifts ([Ephesians 4:7-8](#)), and the One who fills all in all ([Ephesians 4:9-10](#)).

### **EVIDENCE**

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.  
— ACTS 1:3 NIV

The Gospels do not explain the resurrection; the resurrection explains the Gospels. Belief in the resurrection is not an appendage to the Christian faith; it is the Christian faith.

*J.S. Whale*

The Resurrection is the central theme in every Christian sermon reported in the Acts...The first fact in the history of Christendom is a number of people who say that they have seen the Resurrection.

*C.S. Lewis*

# Easter Facts

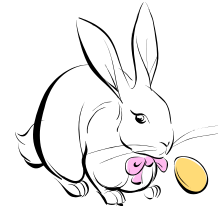
Easter is a time of springtime festivals. In Christian countries Easter is celebrated as the religious resurrection of Jesus Christ, celebrations of Easter have that are pagan in origin and Christianity.



holiday commemorating the the son of God. But the many customs and legends have nothing to do with

Scholars believe the name Easter is thought to come from the Scandinavian "*Ostra*" and the Teutonic "*Ostern*" or "*Eastre*," both Goddesses of mythology signifying spring and fertility whose festival was celebrated on the day of the vernal equinox.

Traditions associated with the festival survive in the Easter rabbit, a symbol of fertility, and in colored easter eggs, originally painted with bright colors to represent the sunlight of spring, and used in Easter-egg rolling contests or given as gifts



The Christian celebration of Easter embodies a number of converging traditions with emphasis on the relation of Easter to the Jewish festival of Passover, or Pesach, from which is derived Pasch, another name used by Europeans for Easter. Passover is an important feast in the Jewish calendar which is celebrated for 8 days and commemorates the flight and freedom of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

The early Christians, many of whom were of Jewish origin, were brought up in the Hebrew tradition and regarded Easter as a new feature of the Passover festival, a commemoration of the advent of the Messiah as foretold by the prophets.

Easter is observed by the churches of the West on the first Sunday following the full moon that occurs on or following the spring equinox (March 21). So Easter became a "movable" feast which can occur as early as March 22 or as late as April 25.

Christian churches in the East which were closer to the birthplace of the new religion and in which old traditions were strong, observe Easter according to the date of the Passover festival. Here at Sisters in Christ we prefer to call this special day of remembrance " RESURRECTION DAY"!



## Ship Wreck

A ship was wrecked during a storm at sea and only two of the men on it were able to swim to a small desert like island. The two survivors, not knowing what else to do, agreed that they have no other recourse but to pray to God for help.



However, to find out whose prayer was more powerful, they decided to divide the territory between them and stay on opposite sides of the island.

The first thing they prayed for was food. The next morning, the first man saw a fruit-bearing tree on his side of the island, and he was able to eat its fruit. The other man's parcel of land remained barren.

After a week, the first man was lonely and he decided to pray for a wife. The next day, there was another ship wreck, and the only survivor was a woman who swam to his side of the island. On the other side of the island, there still was nothing.

Soon the first man prayed for a house, clothes, and more food. The next day, like magic, all of these things were given to him. However, the second man still had nothing.



Finally, the first man prayed for a ship, so that he and his wife could leave the island. In the morning, he found a ship docked on his side of the island. The first man boarded the ship with his wife and decided to leave the second man on the island. He considered the other man unworthy to receive God's blessings, since none of his prayers had been answered.

As the ship was about to leave, the first man heard a voice from heaven boom-out, "Why are you leaving your companion on the island?"

"My blessings are mine alone, since I was the one who prayed for them," the first man answered. "His prayers were all unanswered and so he does not deserve anything."

"You are mistaken!" the voice rebuked him. "He had only one prayer, which I answered. If not for that, you would not have received any of my blessings."

"Tell me," the first man asked the voice, "what did he pray for that I should owe him anything?"  
He prayed that all your prayers would be answered."

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For all we know, our blessings are not the fruits of our prayers alone, but those of another praying for us.

"What you do for others can be more important than what you do for yourself."



## STUDY TO SHOW YOURSELF APPROVED

With Bible and note pad in hand-look up the passages

**CONTENTMENT:** the state of being contented; satisfaction; ease of mind.

**How do I find true peace & contentment in life?**

**Read....** *Isaiah 26:3*- There are many ways to have passing peace, but genuine peace is found only in a trusting relationship with the Lord.

**Read ...***Genesis 33:9*- Forgiving those who have wronged us is a key to contentment.

**Is contentment found in money or success?** **Read...***Eccles. 5:19-20*- To enjoy your work & accept your lot in life-that is indeed a gift from God. People who do this rarely look with sorrow on the past, for God has given them reasons for joy.

**Read...** *Philippians 4:11-13*;  
*Hebrews 13:5*- Contentment is not dependent on wealth, nor does it have to be stifled by poverty.

Wealth by itself is neutral-neither good nor bad. The key is to thank God for what we have and to use our time and resources to please Him.

**Read...***1 Peter 5:8*-Satan's goal is to get us to believe the illusion that knowing more or having more will make us content. Actually, it just shows we will never be satisfied. A person who is never satisfied is a person who fails to fully trust God.

**Read...***1 Timothy 6:6-7*- Knowing that our real home is with God in eternity should help us be content with what we have now. Making wise personal investments here will bring us great wealth in heaven.

**How do I learn to be content in any situation?** **Read..***Matthew 3:3*;

*Luke 14:33*-Contentment comes when we are willing to give up everything for God. Only then are we truly free to rest in the peace and security God offers. **Read...***Ps 107:9*

**Bible\*            reading\*            Plan\***  
Part 3- Days with Paul

1. 1 Tim 2:1-15
2. 1 Tim 3:1-16
3. 1 Tim 4:1-16
4. 1 Tim. 5:1-22
5. 1 Tim 6:3-21
6. 2 Tim 1:3-18
7. 2 Tim 2:1-3:9
8. 2 Tim 4:1-8
9. Titus 1:1-16
10. Titus 2:1-3:11

Part 1-Overview of the Bible:

1. Genesis 1:1-2:3
2. Genesis 3:1-24
3. Genesis 6:9-7:24
4. Genesis 8:1-9:17
5. Genesis 17:1-22
6. Genesis 22:1-19
7. Genesis 25: 19-34
8. Genesis 27:1-28:9
9. Genesis 37:1-36
10. Genesis 41:1-57
11. Genesis 45: 1-28
12. Exodus 1:8-2:15
13. Exodus 3:1-4:17
14. Exodus 5:1-6:13
15. Exodus 12:1-42
16. Exodus 13:17-14:31
17. Exodus 20:1-21



## LINDA'S NUGGETS

Hello Ladies,

Hope all is well with you all! Let me hear from you! Lots of good things going on... Faye and I are about to go on another missions' trip to Barbados! Love ya! Enjoy the nuggets! Linda

- *EVERY PERSON IS WHAT THEY ARE-BECAUSE OF THE DOMINATING THOUGHTS WHICH THEY PERMIT TO OCCUPY THEIR MIND. THOUGHTS WHICH A PERSON DELIBERATELY PLACES IN THEIR MIND, AND ENCOURAGES WITH SYMPATHY. THOUGHTS WHICH THEY MIX WITH ANY ONE OR MORE EMOTIONS...THIS CONSTITUTES THE MOTIVATING FORCES WHICH DIRECT AND CONTROL THEIR EVERY MOVEMENT, ACT AND DEED.....Napoleon Hill*
- *WE LIVE IN THE LAND OF THE FREE, ONLY BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE!*
- *IF THE CHURCH WANTS A BETTER PASTOR, IT ONLY NEEDS TO PRAY FOR THE ONE IT HAS.*
- *SOME MINDS ARE LIKE CONCRETE...THOURGHLY MIXED UP AND PERMANENTLY SET*
- *I DON'T KNOW WHY SOME PEOPLE CHANGE CHURCHES ; WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE WHICH ONE THEY STAY HOME FROM.*
- *A LOT OF CHURCH MEMBERS WHO ARE SINGING"STANDING ON THE PROMISES" ARE JSUT SITTING ON THE PREMISES.*
- *GOD PROMISES A SAFE LANDING, NOT A CALM PASSAGE.*
- *HE WHO ANGERS YOU CONTROLS YOU.*
- *GOD GRADES ON THE CROSS NOT THE CURVE.*
- *YOU CAN TELL HOW BIG A PERSON IS BY WHAT IT TAKES TO DISCOURAGE HIM.*

**BULLETIN BOARD - CONGRADULATIONS!** Faith Dorm program graduates- Tracy Todd, Margo Thomas, Shari Reed, Kristy Gonzalez, Amber Vance , Tracy Mattingly, Kellie Salter, Debra Murphy, Angela Speakman, Dana Mooers, Rachel Emmons, Bee Cornejo, Anna Peachey...*if you are a graduate and your name is not on this list, please let us know for the next newsletter edition...God Bless!*

Lakeland area- SC MM clothes closet & food pantry



## FROM..... Faye's Desk .....Kindness

**Proverbs 3:3-4** "Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your-neck, write them on the tablet of your-heart. So you will find favor and good respect in the sight of God and man.

God tells us that, since He has chosen us to be His children that we have a responsibility to clothe ourselves in tenderhearted *mercy and kindness* [Colossians3:12 NLT](#). Notice that mercy and kindness are interconnected. You may consider yourself to be kind, but can your kindness pass the ultimate test? Can you show the mercy of God to those around you, or do you still need to learn how to forgive those that trespass against you?

Proverbs known as the book of wisdom, holds some wisdom for us regarding kindness. We are told that there is actually a promise for us when we are kind. [1 Corinthians 13:4](#) teaches us how *kindness is an expression of the God kind of love*. The following story expresses the wonder of love and kindness....enjoy and Belated "Resurrection Day"! Your SC Faye

### **Freckles vs. Wrinkles**

An elderly woman and her little grandson, whose face was sprinkled with bright freckles, spent the day at the zoo. Lots of children were waiting in line to get their cheeks painted by a local artist who was decorating them with tiger paws.

"You've got so many freckles, there's no place to paint!" a girl in the line said to the little fella. Embarrassed, the little boy dropped his head. His grandmother knelt down next to him. "I love your freckles. When I was a little girl I always wanted freckles, she said, while tracing her finger across the child's cheek. "Freckles are beautiful!"

The boy looked up, "Really?" "Of course," said the grandmother. "Why, just name me one thing that is prettier than freckles."

The little boy thought for a moment, peered intensely into his grandma's face, and softly whispered, "Wrinkles."

Don't you just love it?

