

Peter said these words to a crowd in Jerusalem. Perhaps many of them had been the ones yelling out, “Crucify him!” to condemn Jesus (Matthew 27:22). As a result, Roman soldiers fastened Him to a cross where He hung until they confirmed He was dead. Jesus’s body was carried to a tomb where it stayed for three days until God resurrected Him. After His resurrection, Peter and others spoke and ate with Him, and after forty days they watched Him ascend into heaven (Acts 1:9).

Jesus’s life on Earth ended amidst physical suffering and mental anguish, yet God’s power defeated the grave. Because of this, death—or any other struggle—lacks the ability to keep us in its grip forever. One day all believers will experience everlasting life and wholeness in God’s presence. Focusing on this future can help us find freedom today.

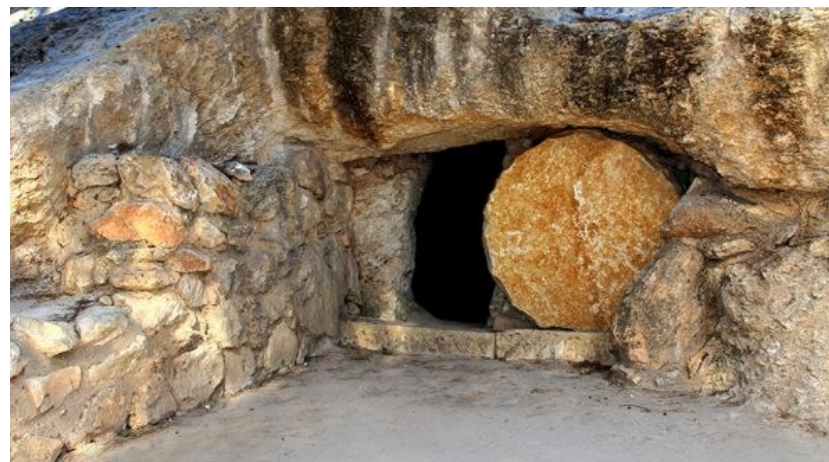
~ Jennifer Benson Schuldt

May the glad dawn
Of Easter morn
Bring joy to thee.
May the calm eve
Of Easter leave
A peace divine with thee.
May Easter night
On thine heart write,
O Christ, I live for Thee

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Impossible to Hold

Swimming with friends in the Gulf of Mexico, Caitlyn encountered a shark, which grabbed her legs and pulled at her body. To counter the attack, Caitlyn punched the shark in the nose. The predator unclenched its jaws and swam away in defeat. Although its bite caused multiple wounds, which required over 100 stitches, the shark was unable to keep Caitlyn in its grasp.

This story reminds me of the fact that Jesus delivered a blow to death, ending its power to intimidate and defeat His followers. According to Peter, “It was impossible for death to keep its hold on [Jesus]” (Acts 2:24).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARING & SHARING

Continue to remember Gord Cramp, Joyce Franklin, Jean Gonder, Fern Park, Isabel Petch, June White and Edythe Williams.

SPEAKER THIS MORNING

Darren Book will be bringing us the lesson this morning.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Please join us for our Wednesday shuffleboard and Bible study. First shuffleboard at 12:30 followed by a social time (drinks and snacks) at 1:30, then Bible Study at 2 pm.

FOOD BANK

The Meaford food bank is in need of the following items: Toilet paper, Rice, Fruit cups (school snacks), Crackers, and Baked beans.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Peter McDonald (13) Jonathan Cox (14)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

A belated happy anniversary to Cam & Donna Cleary on the 4th.



**Friday morning 8:30 am –
Vision TV**

Rogers cable 21

Bell 64

Star Choice 394

Sunday 2:00 pm – Joy TV

Rogers 173

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The next fellowship breakfast will be April 29 at 9:00 A.M. We will have a Mennonite singing group performing for us after the breakfast is served.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The next congregational meeting will be May 6 at 10:00 A.M. If you have any items for the meeting please let Dave Ellis know.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 7—Key to Kingdom Sunday, special collection

May 27—Fellowship Breakfast, Dave Knutson speaking

May 28—Area Hymn Sing in Collingwood

The simplest meaning of Easter is that we are living in a world in which God has the last word.

Unknown

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

Week 15: April 9 — April 15 — **Joy**

9) Isaiah 51:10-11

10) Matthew 13:44

11) John 15:10-11

12) John 16:16-24

13) Hebrews 12:1-3

14) 1 Peter 1:6-9

15) Romans 14:17

Questions to consider:

1. How can you summarize this passage in two to three sentences?
2. What does this passage teach you about joy?
3. What is the Lord specifically leading you to do in response to this passage?