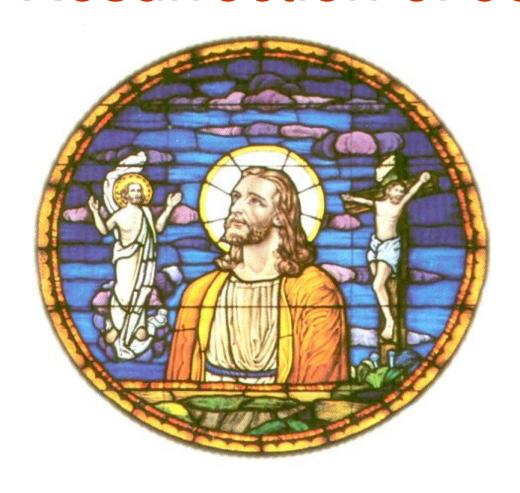
Celebrate Easter Sunday The Resurrection of Jesus



The Meaning of Christmas





True or False

A. The day to celebrate the coming of Santa Claus.



B. The day to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.



Q2 The Meaning of Easter



True or False

A. The day to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.





B. The day to collect the Easter egg and rabbit.



About 3,300 years ago..., God rescued Israelites out of Egypt.



By that time, Moses was God's servant and the leader of Israelites.

One day something horrible was happening... Please read Numbers 21:4-9



Numbers 21:4-7

⁴ Israelites traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵ they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!" ⁶ Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you.

Numbers 21:8-9

Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

8 The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live."
9 So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

Why many Israelites were bitten by venomous snakes and died?



Q & A

- 1. Because they s _ n _ e d against God and Moses.
- 2. Because God is h _ I y and must to p _ n_ _ h who sinned on the way.

What did Israelites do after they knew they sinned against God?

Q&A



- 1. They came to Moses and c_nf_s_ed that they had sinned against God and against Moses.
- 2. They asked Moses to pray God to take the snakes away them and not to p _ n_ s h them more.

What did God respond after Israelites confessed their sins?

Q&A



- 1. God told Moses to attach a bronze snake to a p _ I _ .
- 2. So that those who were bitten by a s_a_e could l__k at it and l_v.

If you were one of the Israelites bitten by a snake, what would you do?

Q & A

- 1. If you do not look at pole and what will happen to you?
- 2. If you look at pole and what will happen to you?

Lesson from the Bronze Snake

Let us read together...

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)



Believe Be live

Life application

If we sin against God, the things we must do to avoid God's punishment or future judgment are...



- Pray to God,
 n f s s our sins,
 and ask for God's
 f r g v n s.
- 2. Pr _ m _se to God that we will not do it again.

Today the k

Today the bronze snake that hangs on a pole becomes what kind of sign or symbol? Please explain.











True or & False



Symbolizing?

- 1. Magic Healing Staff
- 2. Medical /Health Care
- 3. First Aid
- 4. Divine Mercy & Healing
- 5. Hospital Service

Can you relate the medical sign to God's salvation?





Just as Moses lifted up the s _ a _e in the desert, so the S _ n of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who b _l _e _ es in Him may have eternal life.

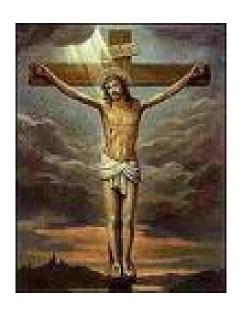
Find the answer from John 3:14,15

Look!

Compare the following two messages of God.



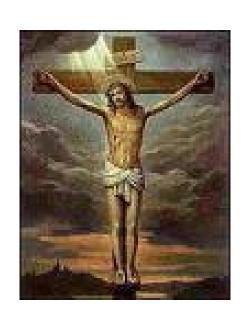
The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; a _ yone who is bitten can look at i_ and I _ ve." (Numbers 21:8)



Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that e _eryone who believes in H_m may have eternal l_fe. (John 3:14,15)

Why Jesus must be lifted up and died on the cross for our sake?

Match the Bible Verses (L to R)

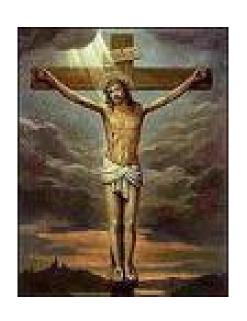


- 1. Jesus is the good shepherd.
- 2. Jesus was delivered over to death
- 3. Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the tree

- I a. So that we might
 . I die to sins and live for God.
 (1 Peter 2:24b)
 - b. For our sins. (Romans 4:25a)
 - c. He lays down his life for the sheep. (John 10:11b)

Why God allowed people to lift up Jesus on the cross for our sake?

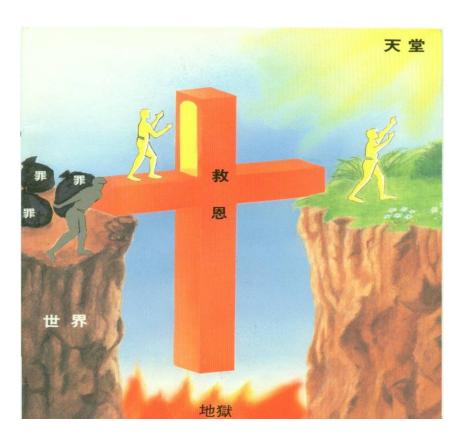
For God so I_v_d the world that He gave His one and only S_n, that whoever believes in H_m shall n_t perish but have eternal I_fe. *John 3:16*

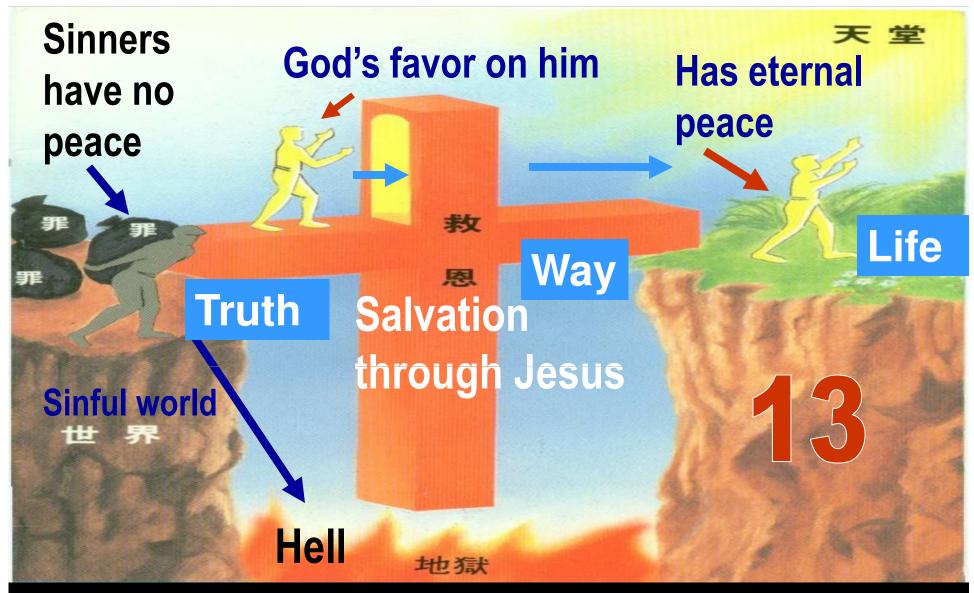


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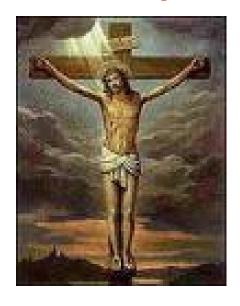


Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

Would it matter to us today if Jesus had not been raised to back to life (resurrection)?

- 1. My preaching is usel_ss. (cf.1 Cor. 15:13-19)
- 2. Your fa_th is futile. You are still in your s_ns.
- 3. We will all per_sh and suffer f_rever.



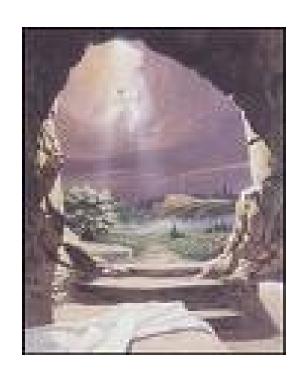


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Praise the LORD! Jesus has indeed been raised from the dead on the third day, which we celebrate today as Easter Sunday.



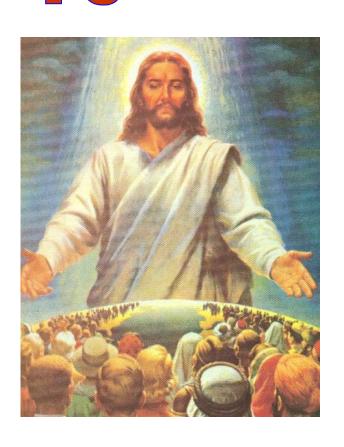




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History is full of eyewitnesses and evidence about Jesus' resurrection. After Jesus was raised to life, he appeared to...

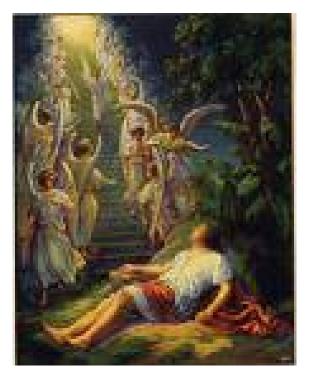


- Peter, the Twelve, more than 500 of the brothers at the same time, James, all the apostles, Paul... (1Cor. 15:6-8)
- Why he died, how he buried, and when he raised all prophesied in the Bible. (1 Cor15:3,4)

Back to OT!

Jacob's dream and the ladder to heaven

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¹⁰Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. 11When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stone there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹²He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, (Gen. 28:10-13a)

Continue...





Jacob's dream and the ladder to heaven

with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³There above it stood the LORD, and he said, "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying." (Gen. 28:10-13)

Jesus proclaimed

He is the (that Jacob's) ladder to heaven



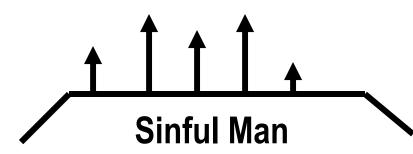
Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man. (John 1:51)

Why Jesus has to be the Ladder to God (heaven)?

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HOLY GOD

Great Gulf



Man Is Separated

"For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23)

This diagram illustrates that God is holy and man is sinful. A great gulf separates the them. The arrows illustrate that man is trying to reach God continually (but ineffectively) through his own efforts, such as good deeds, philosophy, or religion.

Jesus, the ladder to heaven, is the only one way to bridge this gulf.

2 HOLY GOD

Jesus is our eternal hope!!



Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Conclusion Final Test: Q & A



1 Believe Faith





2 Believe Love







3 Believe Hope



Now! Pray the following prayer with me!

Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be.