

...The Easter Story

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68 But Peter denied it. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said, and he went out into the entryway. Just then, a rooster crowed.

69 When the servant girl saw him standing there, she began telling the others, "This man is definitely one of them!" 70 But Peter denied it again.

A little later some of the other bystanders confronted Peter and said, "You must be one of them, because you are a Galilean."

71 Peter swore, "A curse on me if I'm lying—I don't know this man you're talking about!" 72 And immediately the rooster crowed the second time.

Suddenly, Jesus' words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me." And he broke down and wept.

Jesus' Trial before Pilate

15 Very early in the morning the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law—the entire high council—met to discuss their next step. They bound Jesus, led him away, and took him to Pilate, the Roman governor.

2 Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus replied, "You have said it."

3 Then the leading priests kept accusing him of many crimes, 4 and Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer them? What about all these charges they are bringing against you?" 5 But Jesus said nothing, much to Pilate's surprise.

6 Now it was the governor's custom each year during the Passover celebration to release one prisoner - anyone the people requested. 7 One of the prisoners at that time was Barabbas, a revolutionary who had committed murder in an uprising. 8 The crowd went to Pilate and asked him to release a prisoner as usual.

9 "Would you like me to release to you this 'King of the Jews'?" Pilate asked. 10 (For he realized by now that the leading priests had arrested Jesus out of envy.) 11 But at this point the leading priests stirred up the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas instead of Jesus. 12 Pilate asked them, "Then what should I do with this man you call the king of the Jews?"

13 They shouted back, "Crucify him!"

14 "Why?" Pilate demanded. "What crime has he committed?"

But the mob roared even louder, "Crucify him!"

15 So to pacify the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

16 The soldiers took Jesus into the courtyard of the governor's headquarters (called the Praetorium) and called out the entire regiment. 17 They dressed him in a purple robe, and they wove thorn branches into a

crown and put it on his head. 18 Then they saluted him and taunted, "Hail! King of the Jews!" 19 And they struck him on the head with a reed stick, spit on him, and dropped to their knees in mock worship. 20 When they were finally tired of mocking him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him again. Then they led him away to be crucified.

The Crucifixion

21 A passerby named Simon, who was from Cyrene, was coming in from the countryside just then, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross. (Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus.) 22 And they brought Jesus to a place called Golgotha (which means "Place of the Skull"). 23 They offered him wine drugged with myrrh, but he refused it.

24 Then the soldiers nailed him to the cross. They divided his clothes and threw dice to decide who would get each piece. 25 It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. 26 A sign announced the charge against him. It read, "The King of the Jews." 27 Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

29 The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. "Ha! Look at you now!" they yelled at him. "You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days. 30 Well then, save yourself and come down from the cross!"

31 The leading priests and teachers of religious law also mocked Jesus. "He saved others," they scoffed, "but he can't save himself! 32 Let this Messiah, this King of Israel, come down from the cross so we can see it and believe him!" Even the men who were crucified with Jesus ridiculed him.

The Death of Jesus

33 At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. 34 Then at three o'clock Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

35 Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah. 36 One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, holding it up to him on a reed stick so he could drink. "Wait!" he said. "Let's see whether Elijah comes to take him down!"

37 Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last. 38 And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

39 When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, "This man truly was the Son of God!"

40 Some women were there, watching from a distance, including Mary Magdalene, Mary (the mother of James the younger and of Joseph), and Salome. 41 They had been followers of Jesus and had cared

for him while he was in Galilee. Many other women who had come with him to Jerusalem were also there.

The Burial of Jesus

42 This all happened on Friday, the day of preparation, the day before the Sabbath. As evening approached, 43 Joseph of Arimathea took a risk and went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. (Joseph was an honored member of the high council, and he was waiting for the Kingdom of God to come.) 44 Pilate couldn't believe that Jesus was already dead, so he called for the Roman officer and asked if he had died yet. 45 The officer confirmed that Jesus was dead, so Pilate told Joseph he could have the body. 46 Joseph bought a long sheet of linen cloth. Then he took Jesus' body down from the cross, wrapped it in the cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone in front of the entrance. 47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where Jesus' body was laid.

The Resurrection

16 Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. 2 Very early on Sunday morning, [a] just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. 3 On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" 4 But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.

5 When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, 6 but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. 7 Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died."

8 The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.

9 After Jesus rose from the dead early on Sunday morning, the first person who saw him was Mary Magdalene, the woman from whom he had cast out seven demons. 10 She went to the disciples, who were grieving and weeping, and told them what had happened. 11 But when she told them that Jesus was alive and she had seen him, they didn't believe her.

12 Afterward he appeared in a different form to two of his followers who were walking from Jerusalem into the country. 13 They rushed back to tell the others, but no one believed them.

14 Still later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their stubborn unbelief

because they refused to believe those who had seen him after he had been raised from the dead.

15 And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. 16 Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned. 17 These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. 18 They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed."

19 When the Lord Jesus had finished talking with them, he was taken up into heaven and sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. 20 And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.

Eternity

[Editor's Note: The following is the thirteenth in a series of articles submitted by Brandon Broadbent.]

Can you imagine what it will be like to not be confined to a body that dies? Or to be tempted and hurt? We are constrained by the flesh of this body and the world that is under a curse. This life is but a wisp of smoke then...

Revelation 21:4 "and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

The first things have passed away. It is eternal glory folks. We will be comforted, no longer lost longing and waiting. We will close our eyes on this earth and then open them in eternity.

If you could have anything you wanted what would it be? Now think about it for a minute, anything at all from seeing lost love ones again to changing something that had happened in your life.

1 Corinthians 2:9 "9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, or have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

Are you getting what is written? (Nor have entered in the heart of man). All the things we can dream up, conceive, will not come close to what God has in store for us. Jesus paid the cost for us, and now what we have waiting is eternal. God has a wonderful plan for your life, but what happens after this life will be beyond extraordinary. God has done so much for us and has been so loving to try and bring us along yet we still hold on to this world with everything we have. I ask you today please follow Jesus. Love God with all you have and love your neighbor. Then we will all be ready when he comes back to get us.

Love y'all. Tell someone what Jesus did in your life



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Breakfast

Monday, April 2

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk
Head Start - Same as above

Tuesday, April 3

Chicken-n-biscuit, fruit, juice, milk
Head Start - Same as above

Wednesday, April 4

Biscuit, gravy, eggs, bacon, fruit, juice, milk
Head Start - Same as above

Thursday, April 5

Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk
Head Start - Same as above

Friday, April 6

Biscuit, sausage, fruit, juice, milk
Head Start - Same as above

Lunch

Monday, April 2

Taquito, queso, salsa, charro beans, seasoned corn, seasonal fruit, fruit crisp, milk
Head Start - Taquito, queso, charro beans, seasoned corn, seasonal fruit, milk

Head Start - Taquito, queso, charro beans, seasoned corn, seasonal fruit, milk

Tuesday, April 3

Meatball sub sandwich, tator tots, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit, milk
Head Start - Same as above

Wednesday, April 4

Fish sticks, mac and cheese, green beans, salad, apples slices, milk
Head Start - Fish sticks, mac and cheese, green beans, apple slices, milk

Head Start - Fish sticks, mac and cheese, green beans, apple slices, milk

Thursday, April 5

Fiesta bowl, seasoned corn, tomato cup, fruity gelatin, milk
Head Start - Fiesta bowl, seasoned corn, fruity gelatin, milk

Friday, April 6

Hamburger, baby carrots, garnish, cucumber slices, cinnamon applesauce, milk
Head Start - Hamburger, garnish, cucumber slices, cinnamon applesauce, milk

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Breakfast

Monday, April 2

Poptart, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, April 3

Breakfast burrito, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, April 4

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, April 5

Ham, egg, and cheese combo bar, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, April 6

PBJ or oatmeal round, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, April 2

Pizza, breadsticks, marinara sauce, salad, fruit, milk

Tuesday, April 3

Hot dog w/chili and cheese, tator tots, fruit, milk

Wednesday, April 4

Spaghetti, corn on the cob, salad, garlic toast, fruit, milk

Thursday, April 5

Chicken fried steak, scalloped potatoes, black-eyed peas, hot roll, gravy, fruit, milk

Friday, April 6

Chicken quesadilla, pinto beans, corn, salsa, fruit, milk

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No menu available as of press time.