



# APPLES OF GOLD

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ETERNAL

ALL POWERFUL

SAVIOUR

TRIUMPHANT

EXALTED

RESURRECTED

1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given



## O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

<p>O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down, Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown; How pale Thou art with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn! How does that visage languish Which once was bright as morn!</p>	<p>What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain; Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain; Lo, here I fall, my Saviour! 'Tis I deserve Thy place; Look on me with Thy favor, Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.</p>	<p>What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend, For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end? O make me Thine forever, And should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never Out-live my love to Thee.</p>
<p><i>Authorship uncertain, music by Hans L. Hassler; harmonized by J. S. Bach; Baptist Hymnal, Convention Press</i></p>		

Fancy bonnets, flowers rare  
Do not my Easter make,  
Not brand new shoes, or brighter hues  
Or Easter eggs and cake.  
Not bunnies hopping through the grass

Or fashions marching by,  
Instead our Easter day brings joy  
Because He came to die,  
But not to die and stay within  
The grave's dark chamber there.

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He rose again that Sunday morn  
A crown of life to wear.  
He conquered death, and so may we,  
His pow'r displayed that day  
Is ours to claim in Jesus' Name

For He has showed the way.  
Come quickly Lord and take us home  
In shining clouds of light.  
We'll soar the heights to Heav'n above.  
Forever gone – our night! (mrm)



### Gems From Pastor Rob The Cross and Easter

#### Four things were finished on the cross:

1. All prophecies regarding His death and His suffering.
2. His suffering. Jesus lived every day in the shadow of the cross (every nail in the carpenter's shop, every piece of wood, every lamb in the temple was a reminder of His future)
3. The plan of salvation – we can add nothing to it – works are heresy. D.L. Moody said "salvation isn't do – it's done."
4. Satan's power is finished. Jesus destroyed the power of death.

Thorns weren't in existence or mentioned until sin came into the world (Gen. 3:17,18). Jesus then bore a crown of thorns, because of the curse of sin.

#### Three things dealt with because of Christ's sacrifice for us:

His death – the penalty of sin  
His burial – the pollution of sin  
His resurrection – the power of sin



Jesus took Calvary and turned it into Easter.



There's more evidence for the resurrection  
than there is that Julius Caesar lived.



When Jesus returns, He'll wear a crown of peace,  
righteousness, and glory.



A Sunday school teacher asked her class "What was Jesus' mother's name?"

One child answered "Mary."

The teacher then asked "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?"

Another child said "Verge."

Confused, the teacher asked "Where did you get that?"

He replied "Well, you know they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

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The following was overheard at a recent high society party.

"My ancestry goes all the way back to Alexander the Great," said one lady.

She then turned to a second woman and asked "How far does your family go back?"

"I don't know," was the reply. "All of our records were lost in the flood."

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As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out "Anyone here know how to pray?"

One man stepped forward. "Aye, Captain, I know how to pray."

"Good," said the captain, "you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets - we're one short."

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My youngest son asked me how old I was.

I answered "39 and holding."

He thought for a moment and then asked  
"and how old would you be if you let go?"



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Thirty days hath September, April, June, and no wonder,  
All the rest have peanut butter

'Cepting Grandmother; she rides a bicycle.

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Now on a more serious note:

"Lies may have speed, but truth has endurance."

"Patience is the companion of wisdom."

"There's no sense in advertising your troubles. There's no market for them."

"Before you judge someone else's faults, take time to count to ten – ten of your own."

"God never makes us conscious of our weakness, except to give us His strength."

"The Lord sometimes takes us into troubled waters NOT to drown us, but to cleanse us."

**Four ways to pray: A – C – T – S : Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication**

## HIDDEN TREASURES



1. **Last month's question:** What are the three things that shall always abide? (One is the theme of the newsletter last month.) **ANSWER: Love, Joy, Peace**
2. **This month's question:** Name a chapter in the book of Psalms, written 1000 B.C., in which the crucifixion of Christ is vividly portrayed in prophecy.

*We all try to find time and energy to do what we want to do. The problem isn't always with our time, work, energy, relatives, or convenience. It's our hearts.*



# WHERE IS GOD?

When something goes wrong, you wonder where is God? He never promised to deliver us from all the wrongs and evils of this imperfect and sinful world. But He did promise three things: They all begin with the letter **P**:

**1. HIS PRESENCE** “I will never leave you or forsake you: (Matthew 28:20, Hebrews 13:5). “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” The force of the Greek words say “Never – not even for a moment – will I leave you.” It’s not because your guardian angel has taken a nap or God has forgotten you. It’s because we live in a broken world.

**2. HIS PEACE.** In the upper room Jesus told His disciples, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you” (John 14:27).

**3. HIS POWER.** “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness” (II Corinthians 12:9). The word ‘power’ is the Greek word *dunamis* from which we get the word ‘dynamite’ and that speaks for itself. When you are weak you can become strong. (Source of info, Harold Sala in “Today Counts.”)

## Christ On The Cross

(Taken from *WHEN SKEPTICS ASK*, by Norman Geisler and Ron Brooks)



### EVENTS OF THE CRUCIFIXION INCREDIBLY SIGNIFICANT

Consider the hours Christ hung on the cross. For 1500 years the people of Israel made a twice daily sacrifice of a lamb at 9 AM and 3 PM. Jesus Christ hung on the cross from 9 AM until 3 PM, from the third hour (Mark 15:25) until the 6th hour (Mark 15:33). For the Jews the first hour of the day always began at 6 AM (sunrise at 6 AM and sunset at 6 PM, the division of the two watches). There is nothing wasted or insignificant in Scripture. It is the most incredible book ever written. Its writing clearly reflects divine order with no happenstance, human contriving, or storytelling. It will take eternity to unearth all the truths contained therein.



### RULING GOD OUT OF THEIR LIVES

Why do men think they can master it in a lifetime? What about those who want to rule God out so they can live their own lives with no accountability? They write about its so-called errors, or refuse to believe it is even God's Word when they've hardly even read the book (and certainly not a lifetime of reading), let alone studied it. If they have studied it, they have not viewed the whole, but only the parts they wish to criticize.

Commentators and critics argued about who killed Jesus. Jesus said “*No man takes my life from me; I lay it down....*” His death was sacrifice, not murder.

Jesus is the only one who has fulfilled all of the Scriptures regarding Messiah’s birth, ministry, death and resurrection. There are over 3000 prophetic Scriptures in the Old Testament concerning the Messiah. Jesus fulfilled them all. All the armies that ever marched...and all the navies that ever were built...and all the parliaments that ever sat...and all the kings that ever reigned put together have not affected the life and future of mankind as powerfully as has that One Solitary Life. He came to die and to rise again, that all who are born again children of Christ through repentance and receiving Him as Saviour may live eternally with Him.

# Christ's Resurrection

(Also taken from WHEN SKEPTICS ASK, by Norman Geisler and Ron Brooks)

## SKEPTICS SAY JESUS NEVER DIED; SO THERE WAS NO RESURRECTION OR EMPTY TOMB.

1. There is no evidence that Jesus was drugged. His obvious agony and death cry do not fit the picture of a drugged man who is about to die.
2. The heavy loss of blood makes death highly certain. He came to the cross already in serious - to - critical condition. He also suffered five major wounds between 9:00 o'clock and just before sunset. The nails were five to seven inches long and 3/8 of an inch square.
3. When His side was pierced with a spear, water and blood flowed out. This was evidence of His death, probably even before the spear wound. However, that final wound to His side would have been fatal in itself.
4. The Romans always broke the victim's legs to produce asphyxiation due to the inability to lift oneself to exhale. They never broke His legs
5. Jesus was embalmed in 75-100 pounds of spices and bandages and laid in a guarded tomb. Even if He had awakened in the tomb, He could not have unwrapped Himself, rolled the stone back and escaped unnoticed.
6. Pilate asked for assurance that Jesus was really dead before releasing the body for burial.
7. If Jesus had managed all this, His appearances following His resurrection would have been more like a resuscitated wretch than a resurrected Saviour. It is not likely that it would have turned the whole world upside down.
8. The 'Journal of the American Medical Society' concluded "*The weight of historical and medical evidence indicates that Jesus was dead.*"

Therefore the assumption that Jesus did not die on the cross is at odds with modern medical knowledge.

## OUTSTANDING PROOF THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD

1. He was seen by more than 500 people on 12 different occasions. The appearances were long enough to be sure of His identity.
2. His resurrection body was not a "spiritual body" but He had flesh and bones, ate fish and could be touched.
3. The New Testament documents are totally reliable historical documents. They originate from the first-century eyewitnesses and are confirmed by other historical data of the time.
4. Jesus claimed to be God.
  - a. He predicted His own death and resurrection.
  - b. He lived a sinless and miraculous life.
  - c. He rose from the dead.

No other founder or teacher of any earthly religion claimed to be God as did Jesus. None offered salvation by faith apart from works. None ever displayed the love for people that Jesus did in dying for the sins of the world, and none ever rose from the dead.

It was the resurrection that transformed the apostles into convinced followers of Christ. They knew about false messiahs and so they were skeptical about Christ. However, no false messiahs had ever risen from the dead. If the Christ of the N.T. had not existed, no one would have invented Him.

Rom. 12:2; Eph. 6:10, 24; II Tim. 2:10; I Peter 4:19; Gal. 5:16

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