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The Cross: “It is Finished,” by Tosca Johnson



When I am not attending classes, I am online, busy posting on forums, which has gotten me labeled fearless and confrontational. Before I could read and write people were calling me opinionated. I was preaching sermons and hushing adults before I ever went to kindergarten. One day I asked the Lord, “Who anoints and uses a preschooler to preach?” I laughed to myself when it felt like He answered, “I did.” Father God has jokes!

Where do bold little preaching machines come from? They come from the heart of God. How do you create an evangelistic preacher? You feed human beings of all ages the gospel and watch out! I grew up with the Bible; so it is familiar to me. I enjoy being a Christian because the text of the Bible speaks to me. I do not mean it just floats around between my ears and tickles my fancy. I am referring to the way the word of God reaches down to the core of human beings.

For example, from the cross, our Savior Jesus Christ uttered seven final sayings. Remarkably, not all of them are recorded in a single gospel, but are split between all of them. Even more interesting,

only John 19:30 relates the words: “It is finished.” It’s not that the other gospel writers did not hear everything Jesus said. Most likely it is simply that the writers recorded what they thought was of most significance. Maybe we only need to read certain passages once to catch the impact. The weightiness of that phrase still reverberates.

Those three simple words, “It is finished,” ushered in a whole new dimension of life. They made a way for the hope, joy and peace of future generations, including ours. People are built up spiritually, as well as mentally and emotionally, when they commune with God through the Bible and prayer. In the same way we are also ministered to when exposed to the testimonies of saints.

The words of scripture continue to minister today. During his lifetime, Jesus spoke about the modern day church. He told the disciples generations would follow them. So, even without the benefit of walking and talking with Jesus in human form, believers would still follow after God and walk Spirit-led.

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What Does Easter Mean in Business?

by Gary Winchester



symbolizes in Jerusalem.” (theholidayspot.com) The exchanging of colored eggs did not come about until the spread of Christianity as a symbol and celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. “Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates back to at least the 13th century, according to some sources. One explanation for this custom is that eggs were formerly a forbidden food during the Lenten season, so people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, then eat them on Easter as a celebration.” (history.com)

Today, in the egg industry, Easter means millions of dollars in sales. In 2006, there were 73.9 million dozen eggs sold in the spring, which is 886.8 million eggs [and hard labor for those chickens]. This is not just a money-making holiday for the egg industry though. According to my research, consumers will spend a half billion dollars on candy with 70 percent of that being chocolate. This translates into nearly 71 million pounds of chocolate during Easter, which out sells Valentine’s Day by 23 million pounds. Is this a holiday to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ or is this a business opportunity?

At some point in time we have taken this from a simple celebration reminding us of the Resurrection to an over-extravagant chocolate celebration and egg hunt. We can’t seem to keep things simple in America; we always have to make it bigger than the other guy, so we have taken this innocent exchange of colored eggs and twisted it into a chocolate feast. As I was reading Proverbs 25, verse 8 stood out and speaks to us about this very topic.

“Like a city whose walls are broken down, is a man who lacks self-control” (NIV). According to Webster’s Dictionary self-control is “Control of one’s self; restraint exercised over one’s self; self-command.” I truly believe Easter was twisted due to the lack of self-control and desire for money. It may have been an innocent exchange of colored eggs in the beginning, a fun teaching tool for children. However, we have managed to pervert the innocence of Easter through this commercialization. Does this mean that we should stop Easter egg hunts? I’m not saying that, but we should be careful where we put our emphasis and keep our focus on Christ and His Resurrection.



The Sacrifice by Suzanne Jozwiak

There was a cross
Not long ago
Up on a hill
Called the "Place of the Skull."

Upon this hill
Our Savior died,
Nailed to that cross
His arms stretched wide.

With a thief to his right,
Another on his left.
The people sentenced him
To a criminal's death.

But he did no wrong.
His death was unfair,
And even so
He lifted this prayer:

"Father, forgive them
They know not what they do."
His death was required,
And this he well knew.

Jesus gave up his life
For the sins of the world.
Through his sacrifice
God's redemption unfurled.

He died on the cross
To pay for our sins.
A borrowed tomb
They laid Him in.

The Lord was dead,
His body buried,
And all our sins
On His back were carried.

The tomb's entrance
Was sealed with a stone,
And soldiers were placed
By the command of Rome.

After three days,
Women came by the tomb
To preserve the body
With balms and perfume.

But when they arrived
The morn of that day,
They found that the stone
Had been rolled away.

The tomb was empty.
The body was gone.
Fear He'd been stolen
Started to dawn.

While they wept
Angels appeared.
They said, "He is risen!"
He is not here."

Indeed He has risen
To set us all free.
He conquered death
For you and for me.

Salvation is here.
His blood paid the price
For all who believe
In Jesus' sacrifice.

EPIC Bible College Office Hours, April 5 – 9

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday: 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

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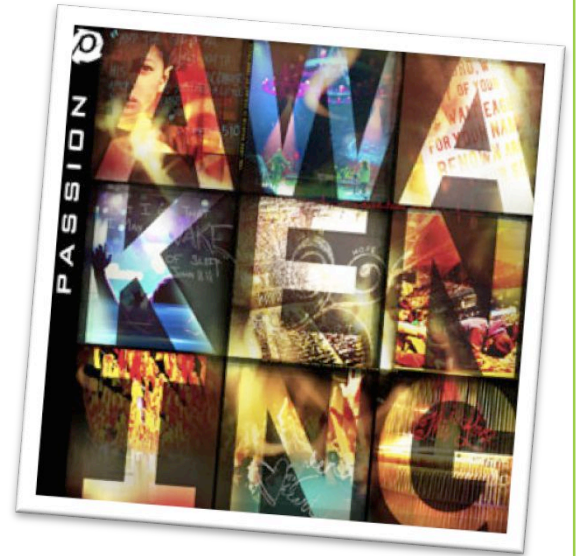
Passion: Awakening By Andrew Guthrie

Passion: Awakening is a compilation of music by various worship artists. The album features artists such as Chris Tomlin, the David Crowder Band, and Steve Fee just to name a few. The album's purpose is all about drawing people to realize how great God is, and getting them to express their love for Him in worship.

The first song on the album is called "Awakening" by Chris Tomlin, featuring Reuben Morgan. The album is based off this song. Tomlin sings about letting God come and fill His people, and then using them to shine His light. He is singing to God to awaken the spirit of His people to a new-found love and excitement in order to show who God is to the world.

Another great song on the album is "How He Loves," performed by the David Crowder Band. This song is beautifully worded and tells about God's love for us. It is a great song to worship to in the car or anytime you are having your devotional time with God. The last song I will introduce you to is "Rise and Sing" by Steve Fee. This song is all about those who have been changed by God. They are then challenged to cry out to the unsaved about how much God has changed them. If you are a worship leader, this song is definitely a great song to use on a Sunday morning.

Everyone loves poetry and how exquisitely it expresses one's feelings and passions for someone or something. The songs on this album are definitely poetry and are very well written. What makes this album so great is the music that accompanies it. The arrangements of each song are well written and/or well played. Music can really add more of an impact to a poem than just the beautiful words that are used. I believe that music is just poetry in motion. The motions of this album are so unique and inviting that you will want to listen to this album over and over again.



"It is Finished" *continued*

God sent his "one and only begotten son" as a bridge from heaven to earth to lead humanity back to himself. It is truly humbling. God waited thousands of years from creation to the birth of Christ, and during that time some men who walked on this earth were good. A few men were even great world changers and history makers. However, none could restore spiritual fellowship for all humanity. Father God knew all of this in Eden and planned our spiritual rescue. Jesus was sent as an example and a sacrifice for us. He was resurrected to show us a new day was dawning. The old was "finished" and a new path was marked and set for us to follow.

This Week in Church History with Pastor Charlie

March 28

1885: The Salvation Army was founded in London by one-time Methodist minister William Booth and his wife Catherine. Today the Salvation Army is in 120 countries and ministers the Gospel in 175 languages.

1936: Birthdate of Bill Gaither, one of the greatest contemporary Gospel songwriters.

March 29

1638: The first Swedish colonists in America established a Lutheran village at Fort Christiana, the first permanent settlement in the Colony of Delaware.

1847: Birthdate of Winfield Scott Weedon, American hymnwriter. He is best remembered for the hymn, "*I Surrender All*."

March 30

0239 BC: First recorded observation of Halley's Comet, the only short-period comet that is clearly visible to the naked eye from Earth. Halley's returns were recorded by Chinese, Babylonian, and medieval European chroniclers, but were not then recognized as reappearances of the same object. The comet's 76-year periodicity was first determined in 1705 by English astronomer Edmond Halley. It will next appear in the inner solar system in 2061.

1492: During the *Spanish Inquisition* the Jews were expelled from Spain by the infamous Inquisitor General Tomas de Torquemada.

1858: Hyman Lipman of Philadelphia patented his new invention: a pencil with an attached eraser.

March 31

1596: Birthdate of the great French philosopher René Descartes, one of the great minds of the Scientific Revolution and the early *Enlightenment*. He not only invented analytical geometry (*what did YOU do today?...*),

he is also famous for the basic statement of his philosophical framework: "*Cogito ergo sum*" in the original Latin, in French: *Je pense, donc je suis*; in English: "*I think, therefore I am*."

April 1

1578: Birthdate of William Harvey of England, who discovered that blood circulates.

1947: The first Jewish immigrants after World War II arrived in Israel. A year later Israel became an *independent* country for the first time since the Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem in 586 BC (*Second Kings 25*).

April 2

1513: Explorer Juan Ponce de León discovered Florida and claimed it for Spain. (He searched and searched but never found the legendary "fountain of youth.")

1877: Birthdate of American evangelist Mordecai Ham. It was under Ham's preaching that Billy Graham was led into a living faith in Christ. (*You never know who you are preaching to or what impact you can have...*)

1978: Mary Simpson of New York spoke from the pulpit of Westminster Abbey in London. She was the first ordained woman to preach there in the 913 years.

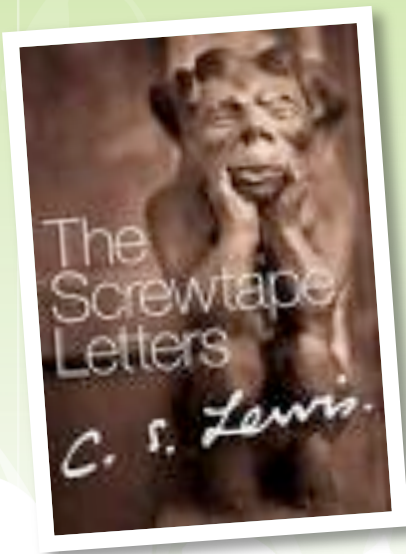
April 3

33: According to astronomers Humphreys and Waddington, this is the date Jesus of Nazareth was crucified.

1528: In Cologne, Germany, 28-year-old reformer Adolf Clarenbach, was arrested for teaching Protestant doctrines. The following year, he was burned at the stake for his faith.

1860: The "Pony Express" began mail service between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. The journey took between 9 and 12 days, and the service only lasted for 19 months.

Announcements



AUDITIONS for *Screwtape*, a play by James Forsyth based on the C. S. Lewis book *The Screwtape Letters* at T.H.E. Actors Workshop, 800 Reading Street, Folsom, 916-207-5606 www.actorsworkshop.net

Email for information on setting an audition appointment:
theactorsworkshop@gmail.com.

Show rehearses: Mondays, Tuesdays, Friday and Saturday evenings beginning May 17, 2010.

Show Runs: July 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25

Characters to be cast:

MIKE - A young architectural draftsman; Wormwood's "assignment"; frustrated and angry toward his mother and

deceased father. - Man in his 20's to early 30's.

JUDY - MacAdam's daughter; Slumtrimpet's "assignment"; pretty and petite, but somewhat sad and wanting more out of life." Woman in 20's to early 30's.

ROSALIE GREEN - Mike's Mother, a widow; whiney and needy. Woman in 40's to 50's.

QUEENIE - Landlady of Rex and Milly; Tough and smart - Woman - no age in particular.



Please check personal schedule to confirm availability for all rehearsals and performance dates, then e-mail to register, sending headshot (no smaller than 5x7), and resume; a completed audition form will be e-mailed to be brought to the audition.

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Are you in need of a roommate, or maybe housing? Check out the bulletin board in the EPIC office. It's a great place to connect.

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EPIC Bible College will be remembering Our Lord's sacrifice in two CL&M services this Friday at 10:40 AM and 6:00 PM. Please join us; family and friends are also welcome.



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