

Bible News

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This week began a series of 150th anniversary ceremonies planned for this spring by the American Bible Society. Palm Sunday, April 3, at 8 P. M. the dedication of the new 12-story Bible House at 1865 Broadway was scheduled.

Residents of the metropolitan area were invited to attend the ceremony, which was held in front of the new building at the corner of 61st Street and Broadway near Lincoln Center.

Speakers for the occasion were Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, Minister Emeritus of Christ Church Methodist and the Honorable Peter Frelinghuysen, an ABS vice president and Congressman from New Jersey. Bishop Stephen Bayne, vice president of the Executive Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, led the liturgy of dedication. Dr. Bruce M. Metzger, professor of New Testament Language and Literature at the Princeton Theological Seminary, gave the benediction and Dr. Bryant Kirkland, minister of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, read the Scripture. The Honorable Oliver D. Williams, a New

York State Supreme Court judge, brought greetings from Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, Mayor John Lindsay and church groups.

The new Bible House is designed to bring under one roof ABS activities formerly handled from four widely scattered and over-crowded locations. The Society will occupy the first seven and a half floors of the new Bible House, the remaining floors to be rented. The ABS also maintains a modern distribution center at Wayne, N. J.

Five years after its formation, the ABS first purchased its own headquarters on Nassau Street in 1821. The ABS was located there until moving in 1853 to a structure on Astor Place, where it remained for 100 years. In 1936 the principal executive offices were moved to 450 Park Avenue.

Formed in 1816 to relieve the Bible famine caused by the Revolutionary War, the ABS is calling for 10 million new Bible readers during 1966 to alleviate today's

Bible-reading famine. During its first year, the ABS distributed in the neighborhood of 6,000 Bibles. In 1966 the annual distribution figure is expected to reach 75 million copies of Scripture.

This Is The Life

By DONALD THOMAS
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WHAT DAY WAS JESUS CRUCIFIED?

I would say my Lord was crucified on a Thursday. I know you will say I'm a nut. Remember, Jesus said there were 12 hours in a day. From six in the morning to six at night is 12 hours. Jesus was put on the cross at the third hour or 9 o'clock in the morning and died at 3 o'clock in the afternoon or the ninth hour. He was in the sepulchre Thursday, Friday and Saturday. That would make it three days and three nights. Remember, Jesus told the priests and Pharisees that after three days that He would rise again. If it were Friday, that would make it only two days and Jesus said three days. The Jews' Sabbath is on Saturday and the Gentiles is on Sunday (or the first day of the week). Jesus was already risen when Mary Magdalene came to the cave. Now I don't want to mislead anybody, but I can't see how you get three days if it was Friday.

This is what Jesus said and He doesn't lie: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." In St. Luke 24 Jesus says: "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer and rise from the dead the third day."—St. Luke 24:46.

Let's go to Church Sunday

Sunday School Lesson

THE VICTORY OF THE CHURCH

International Sunday School Lesson for April 10

Memory Selection: "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."—Revelation 11:15.

Lesson Text: I Corinthians 15; Ephesians 1:5-23; Revelation 7:9-17.

In this lesson, in which we study the Resurrection of Christ and the triumph of good over evil, we are impressed, again and again, by the fact that because He lives, we will live; we will be saved and our sins forgiven in the blood of Christ if we will but repent and confess and set ourselves resolutely to follow the inspiring example He set us for Christian living on this earth.

A Christlike life is beautifully enumerated in the Beatitudes, and the lofty ideals contained therein must necessarily make us pause and consider our worthiness as Christians. Most probably we will be deeply ashamed when we realize how far short we fall of the Christian ideal, but if that sense of shame inspires us to greater effort, our striving will not pass unnoticed by God. And it is through striving that we will grow as Christians. Through our growth will come a strong church, and God will know a little of the victory that was His goal on Calvary all those thousands of years ago.

It is true that sometimes, in our work for the church, we encounter many setbacks, and we feel defeated. Indifference by self-professed Christians sometimes seems a stumbling block that cannot be negotiated, however hard we try; our goals—so nobly set, fail to materialize at the speed we have wished for; and the lust for power

that dominates so many surrections on a world-wide basis seem to be diminishing the influence of God.

We must not lose sight of the fact, however, that God did not promise an easy road to His Kingdom. The way was to be fraught with peril. But we were not to lose heart. We were to continue to strive after what is good, and that which is evil will be as surely defeated for us, individually, as it was defeated for us, collectively, on that hillside outside the city gates so long ago.

We accept the fact, as Christians, that Jesus' death was not the end of life, but the beginning. The Cross, always a symbol of tragedy, is—yet—always a symbol of triumph, for by the immeasurable sacrifice that was made on it, are we saved.

The lesson we are studying today is, indeed, a paean of victory. Victory over death—the final enemy; victory over sin.

Adam became mortal because of his sinning, and he inherited all his vulnerability. But, through the death of Christ on the Cross, our sins are forgiven; because of His Resurrection, we become immortal, and become capable of attaining our place in His Kingdom. God laid the foundation with care, according to His holy ordinance.

As Christians, we cannot claim that victory is complete unless we serve Christ faithfully to the end—individually and collectively—in our private lives and in our church. The way may be difficult, because we are but human, but the rewards for our striving are great. For, just as Christ's death reconciles us to God, so His Resurrection assures us of life after death and ultimate reunion with God in heaven.

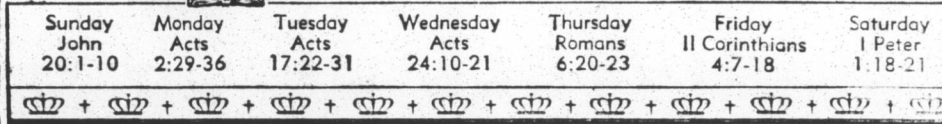


Easter AND CHICKS

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The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
John	Acts	Acts	Acts	Romans	II Corinthians	I Peter
20:1-10	2:29-36	17:22-31	24:10-21	6:20-23	4:7-18	1:18-21



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