



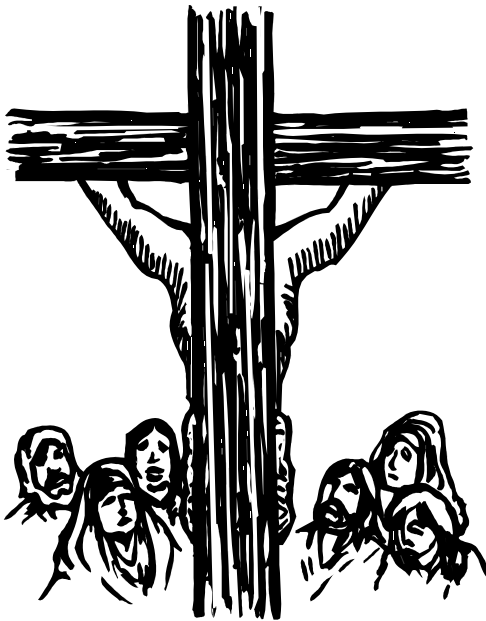
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What is Easter?



Many people think of things like the Easter bunny, chocolate eggs and hot cross buns when they think of Easter. Maybe you think of camping or having a holiday. Perhaps it is the time for home renovations. Are these what Easter means to you? Easter is a lot more than food and holidays. It is a time of sober reflection, and yet a time of hope and great happiness. As you see from the two pictures on this page, Easter has to do with the cruel death of Jesus on a cross, but also celebrates the resurrection – the tomb of Jesus was empty three days after he died because Jesus was made alive again by God. What has all this to do with you and me? Paul explains:

“While we were yet helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man – though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:6-7

If we want hope for the future, it is only to be found through the message of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Easter service

You are invited to join us for an Easter service on Friday 14th April. We plan to consider both the death and the resurrection of Jesus from the Bible. Have you ever wondered what it would have been like to be Barabbas, the criminal set free while the innocent Jesus was killed? Come and watch a drama imagining what he might have been thinking. Our program includes songs and a short talk. The details are as follows:

Date: Friday 14th April

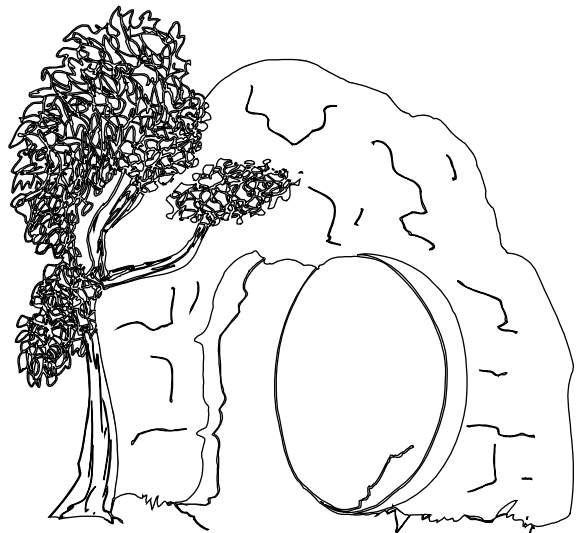
Time: 10:00 am

Place: Dandenong Bible Education Centre

Join with us as we reflect on God's plan of salvation – which involved pain and hardship, but gives hope for eternity. It was for our sake that Jesus suffered so much and now he can help us as we struggle to overcome sin.

“For because he (Jesus) himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted”

Hebrews 2:18



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The New Life class

Each Sunday from 11.30 – 12.30 we hold a class covering a variety of Bible topics. All who attend are invited to stay and share lunch with us. The topics for April and May are:

April 2 *Great prophecies – Matthew 24*

9 *Great prophecies – Revelation*

16 *Bible foundations – Creation*

23 *Bible foundations – Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel*

30 *Bible foundations – Noah*

May 7 *Bible foundations – Abraham*

14 *Bible foundations – Isaac and Jacob*

21 *The Bible's view – Politics*

28 *The Bible's view – Evolution and Creation*

Words of the Risen Lord

Listed below are eight things that the risen Lord said. Can you name the people to whom these words were addressed?

1. Jesus told this person, "Do not hold me."
2. On the Emmaus Road, he called this person "foolish".
3. He said to this person, "Put out your hand, and place it in my side."
4. Jesus asked this person, "Do you love me?"
5. His words, "make disciples of all nations," were addressed to whom?
6. He told this person, "Feed my sheep."
7. Jesus asked this one, "Why do you persecute me?"
8. He told this person, at Patmos, to write down his words.

If you need some help look at the following verses:

1. *John 20:1-17*
2. *Luke 24:13, 18, 25*
3. *John 20:27*
4. *John 21:15*
5. *Matthew 28:16-19*
6. *John 21:17*
7. *Acts 9:4-5*
8. *Revelation 1:9-11*

A Royal Jew

The scene was in a judgement hall:
A young Jew standing trial;
An angry mob surged to and fro,
Unkind - tormenting - vile.
The judge arose and faced the crowd
And said amidst the brawl,
"What is the truth?" - then, to the Jews,
"I find no fault at all."

But they preferred a thief to him!
The young man - he must die;
A crown of thorns, a purple robe,
Their sentence: "Crucify!"
And thus he had to bear his cross:
A heavy rugged thing -
The penalty for thieves and rogues,
Not for a Jewish king.

Along the road to Calvary
A sad procession went,
And there they crucified this man -
The Lamb which God had sent:
A spotless, precious sacrifice,
'Twi'xt guilty men was seen,
Tormented, agonised in death -
Jesus the Nazarene.

His cry went up, "Father, forgive,
They know not what they do."
His visage marred, his dear brow torn,
His side they pierced through.
The faithful few stood near the cross,
Their anguish none may know,
As they beheld their dying Lord
Look down on them below.

Three silent days and then, behold!
New hope to all was giv'n:
The perfect one had conquered death
For Christ their Lord was ris'n!
Teach us to crucify our flesh,
That with the faithful few.
We too may see thy wondrous form,
A King - a Royal Jew.

*Poem by Winifred M Firth
from "The Quiet Moment Scrap Book"*

Did you know?

On the day that Jesus died there was darkness in Jerusalem from 12 noon until 3 pm, at which time he died. An earthquake, the tearing of the curtain of the temple from top to bottom, and the opening of many tombs followed this. Seeing all these miracles, the centurion and those who were keeping watch over Jesus said, "Truly this was the Son of God".