



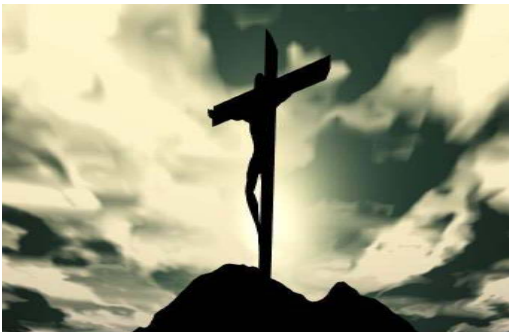
Newsletter

April

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Easter – what did it mean to you?

What did you think about at Easter? Chocolate? Buns? Or did you think about Jesus? The Easter service at the Dandenong Bible Education Centre focussed on a few of the “greatest” things in the Bible. You see, when Adam and Eve sinned (the **greatest fall**) they were separated from God. However Jesus has won the **greatest victory** over sin, giving us the **greatest hope** of life for ever. The **greatest war** was in Jesus’ mind – he had to overcome temptation, which he did. Now those who wish to follow Jesus must fight that fight in their minds – to overcome the natural wrong desires and temptations. Because Jesus overcame sin, we can too. He is waiting to help each one of us.



The New Life class

Each Sunday from 11.30-12.30 a class is held covering a variety of Bible topics. All who attend are invited to stay to share lunch with us. God willing the topics for the next two months will be:

- April** **6** *How to make prayer powerful*
 13 *Relationships*
 20 *Christian living: luck and superstition*
 27 *Biblical “inconsistencies” explained*
- May** **4** *What responsibilities does a Christian have?*
 11 *Reasons to believe*
 18 *Christian living: swearing and blasphemy*
 25 *Are humans made up of more than just a body?*

Quiz answers from last month

Did you try answering the quiz questions about Easter that were in the last newsletter? Could you remember all the details about that dreadful time? Here are the answers and a Bible reference for each answer.

1. Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus. Mark 3:19
2. Judas was paid thirty pieces of silver to betray Jesus. Matthew 26:14-15
3. Jesus was taken to Caiaphas the High Priest for judging. Matthew 26:57
4. Peter denied that he knew Jesus. Luke 22:54-62
5. Pilate was the governor who judged Jesus. Mark 15:1
6. Before he condemned Jesus to death, Pilate washed his hands to signify that he was not guilty of killing an innocent man. Matthew 27:24
7. The soldiers dressed Jesus in a purple robe and a crown of thorns when mocking him. John 19:2
8. Simon of Cyrene was forced to help Jesus by carrying his cross. Luke 23:26
9. Over Jesus’ head a sign was written. It said “This is Jesus, the king of the Jews”. Matthew 27:37
10. During the day of Jesus’ crucifixion there was darkness for three hours. Mark 15:33
11. When Jesus died the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. Mark 15:38
12. Joseph of Arimathea took the body of Jesus and buried him. Luke 23:50-53
13. Jesus was dead for three days and three nights. Matthew 12:40
14. An angel told the women that Jesus was alive. Matthew 28:1-6
15. Jesus died to be the saviour of the world. 1 John 4:14
16. Jesus was made alive again because he had lived a sinless life and so he could not remain dead. Acts 2:24

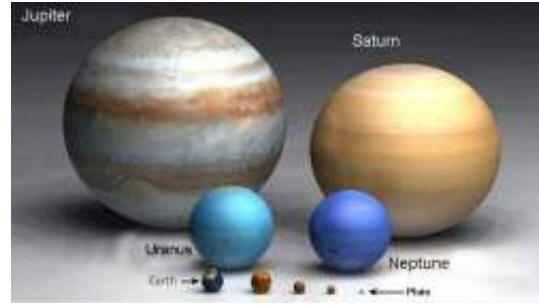
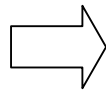
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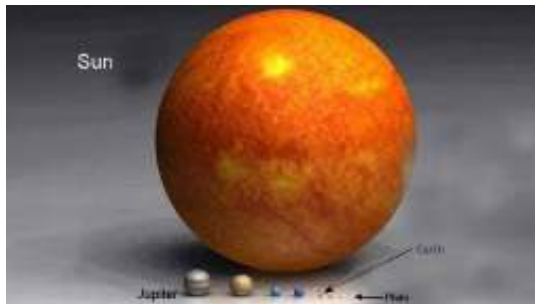
How big do you feel?



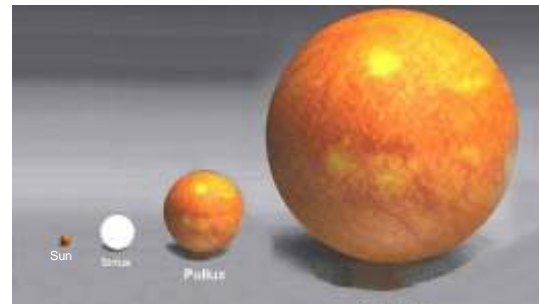
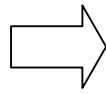
Doesn't earth look big...



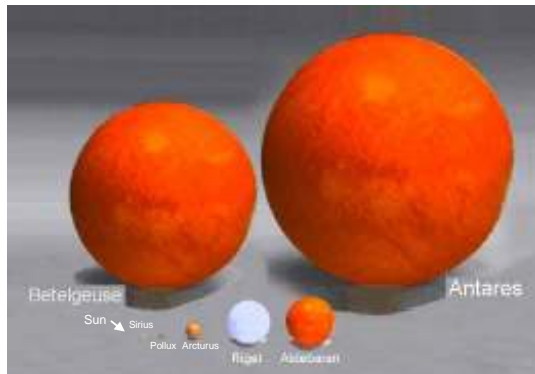
...until it's next to the larger planets!



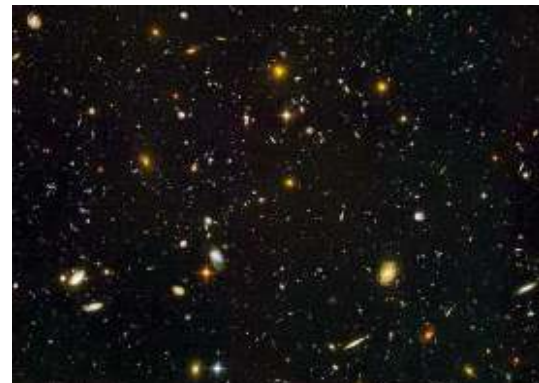
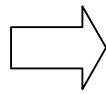
Don't the large planets look small next to the sun...



...but isn't the sun tiny compared with Arcturus!



But wait ... Arcturus is really very small compared with Antares (at present believed to be the fifteenth brightest star)



This is a Hubble Telescope ultra deep field infrared view of countless "entire" galaxies billions of light-years away.

Does this make you feel humble?

People keep making larger telescopes – the bigger they are the more galaxies scientists can see. Our God is a great God! He made this absolutely enormous universe and we are mere specks, and yet he cares for us. He even knows how many hairs are on your head (see Matthew 10:29-31). Does this make you feel humble? How big are you? How big is your God?

God is God and we are wee!