

**March 24, 2024**

**Matthew 27**

**Recalculating, Not The Easter Bunny, Recalculating, Focus On Jesus**

As Christians, whether you are a parent, grandparent, or a person who can have an influence on families who do have small children; please point the hearts and minds of the little ones toward the real meaning of Easter. Just ask kids what Easter is all about and you will be dismayed at the answers the average kid out in the world will give. From the horrific suffering on Calvary to today, one has to ask, what happened?

Make every effort to have their little minds and hearts acclimated to the gospel. So many kids will wake up on Easter Sunday and will be so excited to see that a rabbit that lays chocolate eggs broke into their house and left them some goodies; not a word will be spoken to their impressionable little hearts about the real reason for Easter. So Sad.

It's okay to have an Easter basket for them on Sunday morning, but please do not deceive the kids by telling them the lie. They need the TRUTH now days more than ever. This is just like tithing, when do they start? Start them young and the importance of giving to the Lord will go with them throughout their whole lives. The same with Easter, why build the celebration of Easter on the premise of a fable. The Easter story is fantastic, amazing, and wonderful by its self; no bunny rabbit help required. Recalculating ....

The people of this world are hurting, they are weighed down by the weight of sin. They need to know that Jesus died a horrible death on the cross so that they can be forgiven of their sins. So much confusion, so much hate, so much jealousy, and agony born from the ever-present weight of sin pressing down on their shoulders. Not necessary though, Jesus has paid the debt they owe-and cannot pay, and offers this to all who will receive Him as Savior, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take up my yoke and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11 :28-30. (CSB)

**Application:**

Today I will be reading "a part" of the biblical account of the crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Please make every effort to help the kids under your umbrella of influence have a clear, untainted understanding of what Easter is really all about. Santa Clause and the Easter bunny, well known by all kids, the true meaning of Christmas and Easter, not so much. Men and women of God, lets do our part to make the Truth known about all that Jesus has done for us. Recalculating ....