

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-12

*Jesus gave us spring as a reminder of how beautiful
life can be after death. —Unknown*

The gigantic rockets used in America's space program, before the days of the space shuttle, had at their very top a structure called the "escape tower." It was the key component of the "Launch Escape System" (LES). The escape tower was a metal framework, supporting a small but powerful rocket. It was bolted to the pinnacle of the capsule in which the astronauts reclined, waiting for takeoff.

In the event of a launch disaster, the role of the escape tower was to carry the astronauts in their capsule up and away from the main rocket. The crew, seated in ejection seats such as those used in military aircraft, were fitted with individual parachutes. A parachute would then float them safely back to Earth.

The resurrection was more than an LES for Jesus, because the Lord of glory was not escaping anything; he was conquering something. He *vanquished* death. He did not *escape* death.

The point of the resurrection is not that Jesus escapes death. That would more properly be called "resuscitation." Resuscitation and resurrection are very different things.

The good news of *the* resurrection is not that Jesus, by the power of God, survives death. The good news is that he conquers it, once and for all.

That's why, on this Easter morning, we understand what Jesus is getting at when he returns to say to his disciples face to face: "Peace be with you."

You and I can be at peace. We need not fear death. As Jesus conquered death, so shall we.

As Jesus went "home" to be with the Father, so shall we.

As Jesus had a post-resurrection new body, so shall we.

Christ is risen! Thanks be to God!

—Carlos Wilton and Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Almighty God, your works are manifest in the heavens and the creation around us. But nothing surpasses the events of Easter morning when sin, Satan and death were driven into oblivion. All praise to you, Lord Christ!

Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday:** Luke 7-9
- Monday:** Joshua 19-21
- Tuesday:** Joshua 22-24
- Wednesday:** Judges 1-4
- Thursday:** Judges 5-8
- Friday:** Judges 9-12
- Saturday:** Psalms 37-39

EASTER WORD HUNT

Directions: Look for ten (10) words related to the Easter season. Words can be read forwards or backwards or either direction vertically. Answers below.

T	D	W	M	H	H	T
E	Y	D	N	A	C	E
N	E	C	H	I	C	K
N	Q	T	N	U	H	S
O	L	I	L	Y	G	A
B	U	N	N	Y	G	B
P	A	R	A	D	E	F

NAME THE STATE

In the space provided, write the names of the states in which the following three-letter words are found:

EXAMPLE: OUT/ SOUTH
DAKOTA

ASK:

SIP:

ORE:

EGO:

WAS:

ASH:

TON:

GIN:

CUT:

SEE:

INN:

USE:

SET:

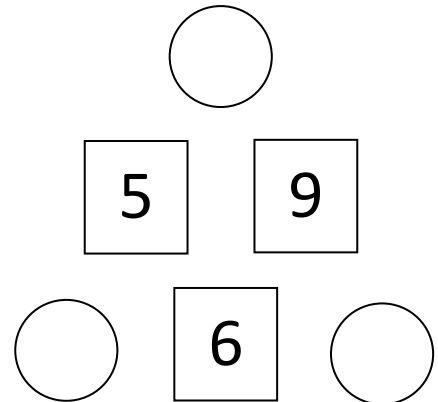
Risen!

EASTER SUNDAY



ARITHMOGRAM

Place a number in each of the circles on either side of the squares so that the sum of the numbers in the adjoining circles equals the number in the square.



ANSWERS to NAME THE STATE:

- ASK=Nebraska, or Alaska
- SIP=Mississippi
- ORE=Oregon
- EGO=Oregon
- WAS=Washington
- ASH=Washington
- TON=Washington
- GIN=Virginia
- CUT=Connecticut
- SEE=Tennessee
- INN=Minnesota
- USE=Massachusetts
- SET=Massachusetts

ANSWER TO ARITHMOGRAM:

Clockwise from the top circle — 4, 5, 1

Answers to Easter Word Hunt:

- lily, parade, chick, bunny, candy, hunt, dye, basket, egg, bonnet