

A Blessed Easter/ Resurrection Day 2023

In the King James translation, the English word **Easter** is found once, in, Acts 12:4:

Acts 12:1-4 ¶ Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. 2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. 3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) 4 And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after **Easter to bring him forth to the people.**

However, the same Greek word, **<pascha>**, translated as, **Easter**, in the English in, Acts 12:4, is also translated twenty-six other times as, **Passover**. For example: the word translated, Passover, in, John 13:1, is the same Greek word translated as, Easter, in, Acts 12:4.

John 13:1 ¶ Now before the feast of the **Passover <pascha>, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.**

The word, Easter, in, Acts 12:4, and, the word, Passover, in, John 13:1, is the same word pointing to Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. In, John 18:39, the government of Jesus' day sought the Jews, [who were supposed to be God's people], to let Jesus go! But instead, they chose a thief wanting Jesus to be crucified, to continue their lives according to their own desires and understanding – the way the world is today:

John 18:39 But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at Passover **<pascha>: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews? 40 Then cried they all again, saying, not this man, but Barabbas.**

The world's governments are no different today regarding the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is becoming apparent how the world, including, America is rapidly, seeking to put true Christianity away to replace it with its own ideologies [idols]. For many years this has been done in a very sly manner, as the words and meanings of God's word the Bible have been changed. Once again, like the Jews who crucified Christ, many who are called by His name do not want Christ according to His own word, but according to their own understanding. Could this be the reason so many are suffering from health issues that includes one's over-all feeling of wellness? Constantly experiencing feelings of insecurity, anxiousness, and anger, never being satisfied even when answers are provided. Having no desire to engage in the truths that have been proven, as history is being discredited. In, Proverbs 3:5-7, the faithful Christian is counselled by the One who created them, and has saved them. They listen and hear:

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7 ¶ Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

But how can a society which is taught that good and evil doesn't exist, hear what, Proverbs 3:5-7, is saying? Once again, the Creator would council us. With man this is impossible. But with God all things are possible:

Mark 10:27 And Jesus looking upon them saith, with men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

What God did, that is impossible for man, God's faithful will want to learn more about. In, Romans 8:3-4, God's word declares:

Romans 8:3-4 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

If we walk according to the flesh, we're going to be those who want the thief over Christ the Savior. We're going to desire the things of this world in place of God's Son, who alone can heal our sin. If we walk according to His Spirit, identified by the Holy Bible, we will walk as He walked in an exceedingly happier way. It won't be physically perfect, but we will know who we are in Christ, and we will be content with His ability to mold us as the potter molds the clay unto honor. However, as, Romans 9:21, teaches, there are many who are being molded unto dishonor. Which one are we?

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

1 John 5:10-13 ¶ He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

My prayer is that all who seek the Lord Jesus Christ through the Father with the whole heart, according to His word, will experience a blessed resurrection day – Easter/ Passover – 2023.