#### THE RESURRECTION

(What the Bunny Won't Tell You)

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#### WHAT THE BUNNY WON'T TELL YOU

I want to share with you four things that the bunny won't tell you about Easter that you need to know.

If you don't know these four things about Easter, you will not have a full understanding of Easter and that could be permanently fatal.

#### 1) THE BUNNY WON'T TELL YOU THE PRICE OF EASTER

If there is any discernable message from the bunny, it is that we should buy.

We should buy the chocolate rabbits and eggs.

We should buy the stuffed toys and Easter baskets.

We should buy flowers and other gifts.

What the bunny doesn't tell you is that the price has already been paid for you to enjoy Easter.

Let me back up for a moment and explain that each and every person who ever lived was born as a sinner.

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. (Psalm 51:5)

If a person lives just a short time he or she becomes a sinner in practice.

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23)

Sin is anything that displeases God.

Murder displeases God.

Stealing at any level, big or small, displeases God.

Lying displeases God.

Adultery displeases God.

Impure thoughts displease God.

Unforgiveness displeases God.

Unjustified anger displeases God.

Disobedience to parents displeases God.

And many other things displease God as well.

When we sin, we become debtors to God.

When we sin, we owe God! How so?

God is a righteous, holy God. God has decreed that someone has to pay for our sins.

The logical conclusion is that we are the ones who should pay for our own sins.

For every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son—both alike belong to me. The soul who sins is the one who will die. (Ezekiel 18:4)

We owe God because of our sins. We deserve punishment. But God in His love had another plan.

He sent someone to earth who had never sinned to take our place and to pay our debts.

That someone is God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! (Romans 5:6-9)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

#### 2) THE BUNNY WON'T TELL YOU THE POWER OF EASTER

The bunny will tell you of the power of fantasy.

You can find all sorts of animation and stories that have absolutely nothing to do with the true meaning of Easter.

Easter is a day when the power of God is demonstrated!

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, (1 Cor.15:3-4) (see Mark 16:1-7)

The tomb is empty!

Jesus is not there!

He is risen!

And for 40 days after the resurrection Jesus appeared to the disciples, proving to them that He was indeed alive from the dead. (see Luke 24:36-43)

There have been those who have been risen from the dead.

Jesus himself brought at least three people back from the dead.

Everyone else but Jesus died again.

Jesus is still alive!

I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. (Rev.1:18)

#### 3) THE BUNNY WON'T TELL YOU THE PROMISE OF EASTER

The promise of Easter is simply this:

JESUS IS THE FIRST TO BE RAISED FROM THE DEAD, BUT NOT THE LAST.

Through Him, everyone will be raised from the dead.

Those that have placed his faith and trust in Him will be raised to spend eternity in Heaven with Him.

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

(1 Thess 4:13-18)

#### 4) THE BUNNY WON'T TELL YOU THE PRIORITY OF EASTER

Jesus has already paid for your sins.

The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. (Romans 6:10)

There are people who think that forgiveness of sin comes from their own self effort, from their own good works.

They think if they do enough good stuff, God will accept them into Heaven.

There's a problem with that theory.

It's not what the Bible teaches.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever (John 14:16)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

The priority of Easter is that you accept the gift that Jesus has already paid for on the cross.

The priority is that you believe on Jesus Christ as your Savior.

And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

(1 John 5:11-12)

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The bunny won't tell you these things, but I just did.

If you haven't already,
will you trust the Lord Jesus
for forgiveness and eternal life?

**LET'S PRAY:**