

Three Days...

That's
all it
took

To fulfill thousands of years
of prophesy and promises.

To save mankind from certain doom

To show just how much he loves you.

Celebrate EASTER with us!



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Easter Breakfast 9:00 am
Easter Service 10:00 am

Sunday, March 23rd

When God created man, he created man to be like him ("So God created man in his own image..." Gen. 1:27a). And because God was perfect ("As for God, his way is perfect..." 2 Samuel 22:31a), man was made perfectly.

God gave man the freedom of choice. Unfortunately, man chose to sin ("Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world..." Rom. 5:12a). Romans 3:23b says "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." And Romans 6:23a says "For the wages of sin is death..." This means that because everyone is a sinner, everyone deserves death, both physically and spiritually.

As soon as Adam sinned, his soul died, and his body eventually died. Man was then, and is still now, a sinner. Because God is holy and cannot be in the presence of sin, man had to be separated from God.

This is how all men are born now. Their soul is dead, and their body will die. If a man dies with a dead soul, he will experience what is called "the second death", which is eternal separation from God. That soul will go to hell forever.

But because God loved mankind ("For God so loved the world..." John 3:16a), he promised that he would provide a way for mankind to be saved from the death they deserved. Throughout the bible, God made many promises concerning the coming of the Savior. Over 750 years before Jesus was born, God promised that Jesus would come ("...behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel." Is. 7:14b).

Matthew chapters 1-2 talk about when Jesus was born. Matthew 1:22-23 says "Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet saying, Behold a virgin shall be with child, and bring forth a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel, which being interpreted is: God with us." This is the fulfillment of the promise made in Isaiah 7:14.

All through his life, Jesus fulfilled every promise made concerning the coming of the Savior. Even when he died, he was fulfilling more promises.

You see, when Jesus was born he had only fulfilled the promises of his coming. God had not yet finished the promise that he had made 4000 years earlier, when man had first sinned. But when Jesus died on the cross, was buried, and rose again the third day, he completed this promise; fulfilling 4000 years of promise in just 3 days. Jesus died so that we would not have to die the second death.

The bible says in Romans 6:23b "...but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord." In Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." And in Romans 10:9 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Yes, it's that simple! All that you have to do to be saved from an eternal death is to Accept, Believe, and Confess that Jesus Christ died to save you.

God has made even more promises to you! He said that some day he will come back to earth to take all those who have accepted his gift to live with him forever in heaven!

This is God's promise to you: if you choose to accept the gift that he gave through his son, Jesus Christ, then he will make your soul alive again. He will cover your sin with Jesus' righteous blood.

When God looks at you, he will not be able to see your sin. Instead you will look just like his son. When you die physically, you will not have to die the second death in hell. Instead, you'll live an eternal life in heaven with God.

So the question for you now is:

*Will you accept this gift
that God so freely gives?*