

Scripture—Matthew 28.



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Jesus appears to them, commanding them to tell the disciples to meet Him on the Galilean mountain where they received their apostleship.—Matthew 28:7-10.

Jewish leaders, who had the guards posted at the tomb, bribe the soldiers to say the disciples stole the body of Christ and hid it in order to claim He was risen.—Matthew 28:11-15.

Promising to be with them always, Christ charges the disciples to preach, baptize and teach Christianity among all the nations.—Matthew 28:16-20.

MEMORY VERSE:—"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."—Romans 10:9.

FOLLOWERS CONVINCED

Tomb Unguarded Against Jesus

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By R. H. RAMSEY

OUR LORD was crucified on Friday and buried before sunset. For at sunset Friday in the Jewish Sabbath began, continuing to sunset Saturday. Travel on the Sabbath was strictly forbidden, so it was not until dawn on Sunday (the first day of the week) that Mary Magdalene and the "other Mary" went to the sepulchre.

Mary Magdalene was a woman of some wealth whom Jesus had delivered from demons (Luke 8:1-3), and the "other Mary" is believed to be the

mother of the apostles James, the Lesser, and Joseph. Both women had accompanied Christ and the disciples in their travels to minister to their various needs. On the day of our Lord's crucifixion they were the last to leave the scene of death, and the first to arrive at the tomb on Sunday morning.

The account of an earthquake at this time is found only in Matthew and is contrary to the facts of the case. There were no witnesses to the Resurrection itself. Jesus left the tomb silently, invisibly, miraculously, a fact that is as terrifying to His enemies as it is comforting to His friends.

At the time of the burial Friday evening, a great stone had sealed the entrance to the sepulchre, and, at the request of Jewish religious leaders, an

armed guard set. The Jews desired the tomb guarded against molestation on the part of the disciples and their stealing the body; they forgot to guard it against Jesus Himself. So it was that when the two Marys arrived at the sepulchre they found the great stone rolled away, the tomb empty, the guards frightened into insensibility upon the ground.

From within the tomb an angel spoke, quieting their fear, telling them that Jesus, as He said He would, had risen from the dead. The angel invited them to see for themselves the empty place where the body had been, and bid them spread the word among the disciples that Jesus was risen and would meet with them in Galilee. Joyously the women ran to perform this task and, on the way, Jesus Himself

appeared to the women, telling them to rejoice and fear not, to tell the disciples He would meet them all in Galilee.

Matthew is the only one of the Gospel writers who records what transpired between the soldiers and the Sanhedrin on Easter morning. The story is that this august body of men, without checking any facts, concocted a story for the soldiers to tell, and gave them hush money to assure the tale being told.

The story was that the disciples had stolen the body of Jesus and hidden it in order to falsely report He was risen from the dead—a tale that would hold as much water as a sieve, for the body was supposed to have been stolen while the soldiers slept, and if they were asleep, how would they know who had stolen it, or how, or why?

The disciples went to the Galilean mountain where, only a short while ago, they had received their apostolic appointments. As He had promised, Christ met them there. When they saw Him, most of the disci-

ples fell upon their knees and worshipped Him; a few held back, hoping, half-believing it was the Lord, but unwilling to commit themselves until they saw Him near at hand, and knew that it was indeed the Master.

Jesus spoke to them, confirming His supreme authority, both in heaven and on earth. With such authority over all the spirits of heaven and all that is on earth, nations and individuals, both present and future, Christ commands His disciples to make disciples of the peoples of the earth, to baptize the believers in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and to teach those saved the things He has taught them. This great commission ends with a promise that He will be with them—and all Christians—always, even to the end of the world, the Kingdom of God which will follow the evangelization of the earth.

Time Magazine and World Church News have reported on efforts to paraphrase the Bible in the language of the delinquent, urban slum youth. In the effort to communicate the message of the Bible to reform school types, the Rev. Carl F. Buck of Buffalo, N.Y., has found the ordinary language of the Gospel to be puzzling and irrelevant.

Bible Set To Slum Language

Barrier to communications have been discovered in the lack of understanding of the usual words and images as found in our Bibles. "Some of the boys have never seen a sheep, and don't know what a shepherd is," explains Mr. Buck.

As an example he cites in words that are meaningful to these city dwellers, the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:33-37). It concludes with these words: "So who do you think the best guy was? Well, you got the message, bud. But you don't have to be a 'square' to show love and be sorry for someone and to help a guy. But get with it man—this is what God wants you to do."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS Sunday, April 18: Mark 16. Monday, April 19: Matthew 28.

Tuesday, April 20: John 20. Wednesday, April 21: John 21. Thursday, April 22: I Thessalonians 4. Friday, April 23: I Thessalonians 5. Saturday, April 24: I Peter 1.

New Director Canada Council Is Appointed

OTTAWA (CP)—Jean Boucher, 45, a civil service commissioner and former director of citizenship has been appointed director of the Canada Council, Prime Minister Pearson has announced.

He succeeds A. W. Trueman, who has resigned to become principal of University College at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ont. Mr. Pearson also announced Peter Dwyer, 50, who has been assistant director (arts), has been appointed associate director to succeed Eugene Bussiere, who has been made consul-general at Marseilles, France.

The announcement from the prime minister's office said Mr. Pearson associates himself with a letter sent by State Secretary Lamontagne to Dr. Trueman Tuesday which expressed thanks "for the invaluable service you have rendered to Canada."

Dr. Trueman had been director since the inception of the arts-promoting council, which Parliament established with a \$100,000,000 fund in 1957.

Mr. Boucher, a native of Quebec City, graduated in law from Laval University and took post-graduate work in public administration at the University of Chicago.

After lecturing for four years in political science at Laval, he joined the citizenship and immigration department in Ottawa in 1950.

From 1957 to October, 1963, he was director of citizenship for the department and since then has been a member of the civil service commission. He has been a member of the Northwest Territories Council and a delegate to several United Nations conferences.

THREE EARLY MEN FOUND British anthropologist Louis S.B. Leakey, excavating the Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania, has found bones of three distinct types of prehistoric man

Christian Groups Seek Understanding

By CARDINAL McGUIGAN

The most vital manifestation of the current religious dialogue is the ecumenical encounter among separate Christian groups seeking a greater measure of mutual understanding, agreement and unity.

The goal of our continuing dialogue should be neither to refute adversaries nor to reach agreements on a basis of compromise. We should aim rather at mutual enrichment through give-and-take discussions.

COLLABORATION If all participants are chiefly intent on getting closer to Christ they will find that they can accept many of each other's best insights without surrendering any convictions of their own. And they can collaborate in solving problems of common concern.

The scandal of our division into separate churches will no doubt remain for a long time. But even so, we can draw closer together. Old misunderstandings can be uprooted and new areas of agreement discovered. Any progress we make in this direction will certainly be pleasing to Christ.

One tremendous ecumenical advance has occurred in the important domain of biblical studies. Scriptural commentaries by Protestant scholars are approvingly utilized by Catholic scholars and vice versa.

BOTH SIDES Criticisms of newly proposed interpretations are shared by Catholics and non-Catholics alike, and both sides have been in a concerted effort to arrive at the true meaning of a text or indeed of entire books or great themes running through the whole Bible.

Genuine dialogue can be achieved only when people commit themselves to go beyond the expression of doctrinal views to understanding of the actions of others. Conversation between Protestants and Catholics is possible only when each participant not merely observes another point of view but in a sense makes it his own even while continuing to differ with it.

Probably the greatest single reason why the proportion of Christians in the world decreases year by year is the scandal of divided Christendom. We Christians have frustrated Our Lord's prayer that His followers be one, and we have harvested the bitter fruit of our betrayal. The world will not believe us.

The turn of historical events has forced us to admit something that has been a part of our Christian lives for many centuries, but a thing we have always shied away from facing up to. DISAGREEMENT

Our disagreement, our division, mars our Christian witness right at its source; and it is a scandal to the world. It is also a living contradiction to the Lord's will for His people, for He prayed that we, all, might be one.

And what is the ultimate goal of ecumenism? Simply—the conversion of the world to Christ. The evening before He died for us, Our Lord prayed that all those who would believe in Him down through the centuries might be one, as intimately as He and His Father are One.

RADIO SPEAKS TO MANY Radio station CFMB, in Montreal, Canada's station of the year for 1965, broadcasts in 15 languages.

OTTAWA (CP)—The water level of Montreal harbor dipped to a 105-year low in March when its monthly average dropped more than six feet to 19.38 feet from 25.57 in February, the Canadian Hydrographic Service reported Tuesday. Lowest previous March level since 1960 when measurements were begun was 20.60 feet in 1964. The 10-year average for the month is 24.38 feet and the mean since 1960 is 21.30 feet.

DRUG RESEARCH ZOOMS The American drug industry is spending an estimated \$345,000,000 on research in 1965, as

St. Paul's Anglican Church. Established 1769 by Royal Foundation. The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.Y., Rector. Organist and Choir Director: George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O., (CHM) A.R.C.M. EASTER SUNDAY—8:00 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION 9:30 a.m.—FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE 11:00 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION Anthems:—Junior Choir: "Joy Dawned Again On Easter Day" by Don Malin Senior Choir: "We All Rejoice in This Glad Day"—Praetorius 7:00 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER & Sermon Subject: "EASTER" Officiant & Preacher: by a visiting Anglican Priest. YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND OUR SERVICES.

First Baptist Church. Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets. Rev. Malcolm F. Barlow, B.A., B.D., Minister Mrs. V. L. Dingwell, Organist and Choir Director 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages 11:00 a.m.—Sermon: "AS IT BEGAN TO DAWN" Children's Choir: "In Joseph's Love-ly Garden" "Easter" Anthem: "The Strife Is O'er" (Vulpius) Solo: "The Lord's Prayer"—Mr. Albert Carter (Tenor) 7:00 p.m.—Sermon: "THE SAME DAY AT EVENING" Girl's Choir: "Earth Rejoices" (Mozart) "All In the April Evening" (Robertson) Adult Choir: Carol: Alleluia Christ Is Risen" (Whitehead) Solo: "Were You There"—Mrs. Ronald Jenkins Carol: "Lord Christ When First Thou Camest To Earth" (Unites Fratrum 1568) Anthem: "Lo, He Is Risen" Soloists: Mrs. Douglas Cameron & Mrs. Douglas MacKenney Solo: "The Holy City" (Adams)—Mrs. Douglas MacKenney (Soprano) Voluntary: Medley Easter Carols: Vol.—Mr. Ralph Rayner Piano—Mr. Arthur Lange Organ—Mrs. V. Leigh Dingwell 7:30 p.m.—Wednesday—Midweek Service. A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

Central Christian Church. 210 East Street, Charlottetown, P.E.I. MORNING 10:00 a.m.—Bible School for all ages 11:00 a.m.—Morning worship and Communion Anthem: "The Whole Bright World Rejoices Now." Sermon: "They found not the body of Jesus" (Roff) Evening 7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service Choir Anthem: "This Joyful Easter-tide" (Dutch Carol) Solo: "The Lord's Prayer" by boys and girls choir Message: "WHERE IS THY KING?" Minister: William Weale Organist: Mrs. Allison MacRae, A.R.C.M. "A warm welcome extended to all"

The Kirk of S. James. The Reverend T. H. B. Somers, M.A., S.T.M., Minister Organist and Director of the Choirs Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B.Mus., A.R.C.C.O. EASTER DAY 9:45 a.m.—Church School and Minister's Bible Class 11:00 a.m.—Churchtime Nursery and Nursery School 11:00 a.m.—Public Worship The Reverend Gordon R. Taylor, M.A. Anthem: Hallelujah (Beethoven) Now is Christ risen from the dead.

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH. 13 Christie Drive, Parkdale. Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister Mr. Leslie Hiscott, Organist and Director of Choirs 9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate & Senior Church School 11:00 a.m.—Nursery & Kindergarten Classes 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP Sermon: GREAT STONE ROLLED AWAY Anthem: "We Come With Voices Swelling Solo: "I Know My Redeemer Liveth"—Handel (Miss Helen Wilson) 11:15 a.m.—Primary Church School 1:30 p.m.—Ten-age Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP Sermon: MAN ALIVE! Anthem: "Joy Dawned On Easter Day"—Malin "This Joyful Easter-tide"—Dutch Carol Junior, Intermediate and Boys' Choir You are welcome to worship with us.

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH. Dunkirk & Kirkwood Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis Organist: Mrs. Ron H. Atkinson Director: Mr. Roy M. Smallman 9:30 a.m.—Sunday Church School 11:00 a.m.—Nursery 11:00 a.m.—"THE NEW BEGINNING" Jr. Choir: "I Love The Lord" Sr. Choir: "Give Ye Thanks" Reception of new members. Holy Communion. "You are Welcome to Worship with Us"

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH. Charlottetown, P. E. I. Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A. Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwas, B.A., B.D. Organist and Director: Mr. J. B. Herdman 9:30 a.m.—Bible Classes, Intermediate and Junior 11:00 a.m.—Nursery, Primary and Kindergarten (under 9) 11:00 a.m.—Sermon: "WHO SHALL ROLL AWAY THE STONE?"—Rev. John G. E. Ball Sacrament of Baptism Anthems: "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" (Dummond Wolff)—Senior Choir "Now Let The Heavens Be Joyful" (Provençal Carol Tune) "A Spring Carol" (Last us Erfreuen) (Arr. Willan)—Junior Choir 7:00 p.m.—"DEATH COULD NOT HOLD" (Rev. G. G. Wyrwas) Anthem: "The Strife Is O'er" (Vulpius, arr. H. G. Ley)

Table with 7 columns: Sunday John 6:25-40, Monday II Corinthians 5:14-21, Tuesday Galatians 6:11-16, Wednesday Ephesians 4:17-24, Thursday I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Friday Hebrews 10:19-25, Saturday I Peter 3:8-13

EASTER MESSAGE. She's as young as spring-time, as sweet-scented as a lily, beautifully serious with the total dedication of youth. People in church smile as they watch her, and they walk out into the April sunlight feeling better, happier, for having seen her. They cannot, ever again, be as young as she is, but this doesn't seem to matter. For she is a symbol to them. She represents the wonder of spring when the world becomes new and fresh again, when flowers bloom as if for the first time, and when the Church retells the story of its greatest miracle—Christ's promise of everlasting life. This, unquestionably, was the greatest promise ever made, and the reminder of it comes at Nature's most perfect season. Be sure that you go to the church of your choice this Easter, so that you may again hear and remember the Easter message in all its glory.

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