



April ushers in what my friend would call a "High Holy Season". We often approach Easter in a contemplative, or reflective mood. A few of us went out the other night to watch the first two episodes of "The Chosen". The timeline was the triumphal

entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the group's observances of the Passover. What we know is that Jesus is marching straight unto His death. Up to this point, Jesus has been teaching in parables, trying to prepare His disciples for what is coming, but it is woefully obvious to the audience watching that the Disciples have yet to grasp the magnitude of what is about to happen. Do we recognize the magnitude of that sacrifice wrought so many years ago? To me, the sacrifice of Jesus in such a horrifically brutal manner is powerful enough—but when I think of the fact that God, in His omniscience, put into place all the pieces that would have to fit together in a plan so all-encompassing, so perfect in every minute detail, including timing, and did it from the beginning of the time of man, my mind finds it simply incomprehensible. Yet, if you study the Old Testament, you will come across prophecy after prophecy pointing to that very sacrifice, in that very time, in that very place. Take a moment to ponder that. It moves me to think that my God did this because He loves me. He loves me so much that He made this plan and in His Only Son, carried it out to fruition. How can I do anything but give Him my love in return? If my broken, sinful, weak self is worth that price how much more should I show love to others in the world who are also broken, sinful and weak? If He who had NO SIN took on the pain, suffering and mental anguish of the cross, how much more should I be willing to go out and do in His name? There is no comparison of my lowly efforts to the enormity of His actions. In my church growing up there were some who would stand up and give their testimony. They would tell of all that Jesus saved them from. As I child I was inspired by these testimonies—in the hope that knowing others were sinners and were made into these strong Christians standing by me each Sunday in church—if they could do it, somehow, I could too. But I watched one of my favorite pastor's online devotion who shared that we should change our mindset once we've accepted Christ. On the cross, Jesus brought victory for us, not over us. He is not our conqueror, He is our Savior. We should not work toward the cross because Christ has already defeated it. We should not focus on the grave because Christ has overcome death. Instead, we should work from a place of victory. We have chosen Christ. We are qualified because of Christ in us. We have life abundant because of Christ. We've overcome the grave because of Christ. I'm no longer a victim because of Christ. I'm connected to the Father because of Christ. As we walk our life's path, it is so easy to fall into a spirit of defeat when we face challenges and obstacles but, the moment we took the Lord as our personal savior, we became overcomers (Isa. 25:8, John 11:25-26). We are victors! We do not drag our feet in an ashamed shuffle of the defeated, we walk boldly and confidently facing the day knowing that our faith has given us the victory that overcomes the world (1 John 5: 4-5). So choose this day to work from a place of Victory! Go forth courageously, fearlessly telling others of the Good News of Christ and His tremendous love for them. We can do all this because of Jesus and His obedience to the Father's master plan.

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 Sunday School 9:30
 Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00
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Answers



1. Joshua
2. John the Baptist
3. His Birthright
4. Babylon
5. Midnight
6. Ruth

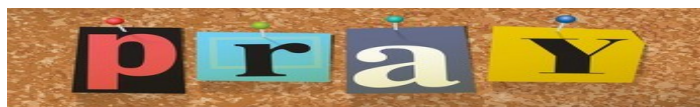
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- 25 Brad McMillen
- 26 Jim Jones
- 30 Maggie Miller

HAPPY
 Birthday





Abby Mauck	David Brennan	Jody Hoffman	Rona Grimm
Addison Mudge & Mom	Dennis Arnold	Joe Vinka	Ronnie & Diana
Angie Braden	Donnell Britt	John Finsley	Rose & Family
Andrea Trio	Dorothy Barker	June Gray	Sara Jane Rinehart
Ashley Thomas	Dorothy Robson	Keith Vinka	Sherry Fisher
Baby Lane	Doug H.	Kelly Ichorn	Shirley Nauman & Son
Betty Nicodemus	Dutch Fork—Pastor Search	Kim McC.'s Friend	Tammy Bonar
Bo McConnaughy	Ed Brady	Lauren Wallace	Tim Hays
Betty Nicodemus	Elle	Lewis Rodgers	Tristan Hays
Bill & Karen Ribel	Emah (Becky Sayre)	Liz Hunt	Russell LeMasters
Bob Grimes	Emmerie Family	Mari & Eric Clements (deployment of son)	Spencer & Alex Carnahan
Bonnie Bonar	Esther Bond	Mark Griffith	Susie McCardle
Brenda A.	Frannie Bolanos	Marsha Koth	Travelers
Buck Flnk	JJ	Mary Bober	Uncle Mike
Chrissy Kramer	Jake Ward	Mary Rogers	Unsaved
Dailey Family	Jan Spangler	Michael Kuthy & Family	Unspoken
Daniel Fink	Janet Main	Olive Turner	US: Country & Government
Darrell Ickler	Jeff Jackford	Orien's Mom Joan	Wellsburg Christian Church—Pastor Search
Dave Duke	Jeff Taylor	Phyllis Kellam	Willie Joe Matalowski
Dave Keller	Jessica (Bre's Sister)	Rachel Clampitt	WL Town Council
	Joan Elliot	Roma Dailey	Xavier Hammond

1. OT Who said "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"?
2. NT Who ate Locusts and Wild Honey?
3. What did Esau sell that Jacob bought?
4. Into what country was Daniel taken as a captive?
5. At what hour did the Lord strike down the firstborn in the land of Egypt?
6. What Old Testament book contains the story of Naomi and her Daughter-in-Law?



April



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 West Liberty Christian Church		1 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00	2	3	4 Ladies Group 6:00 	5 church CLEAN UP
6 Building & Grounds 12:15 Revelation Class 4-7:00	7 Choir 6:00	8 @ Dutch Fork 7:00 Bible Study 7:00 at Lantz Home	9 Bible Study 7:00	10 After-School Program/ Teen Group 3:00-6:00	11	12 4:00 bus 5:00 Perkins 7:00 Show
13 Joint Service! SS @ 8:30 Service @ 10:00 Potluck Lunch	14 @ West Liberty Christian Church 7:00	15	16 Bible Study 7:00	17 After-School Program/ Teen Group 3:00-6:00	18	19
20 Sunrise 7:00 Breakfast 8:00 Worship 10:45	21	22 Membership 5:30 Choir 6:30	23 Bible Study 7:00	24 After-School Program/ Teen Group 3:00-6:00	25	26
27 Elders 12:30 Worship @ Petersen 3:00 Revelation Class 4-7:00	28	29 Choir 6:30	30 Bible Study 7:00	After-School Program/ Teen Group 3:00-6:00		