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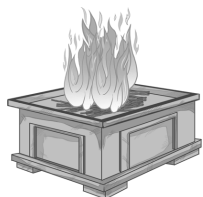
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Sir Knights & Ladies once again we come to that time of year when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ! It is the most important Christian festival, and the one celebrated with the greatest joy. It celebrates God raising his son Jesus from the dead as well as the destruction of the power of sin and death forever. It symbolizes the opening of Heaven with the gift of eternal life to everyone who believes and have put their trust in Him alone.



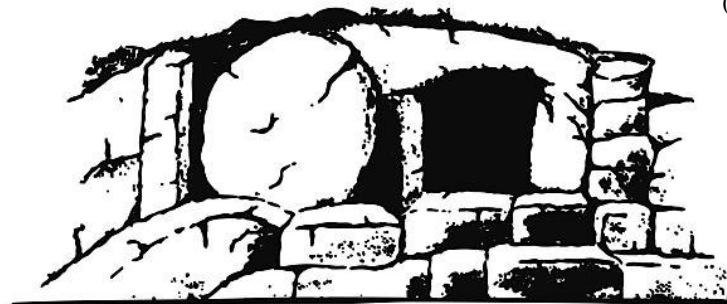
Jesus' death was a sacrifice for the sins of His people. We read in the Scriptures, "without the shedding of blood, there can be no forgiveness of sins." The Old Testament sacrificial system used animals that were without blemish, however, we also read in Scripture where "it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins." This is because of the effects of original sin which effected all creation. Also, the sin must be paid for in the same nature where it was committed (human personality) thus, animal sacrifices were not sufficient. The human person who purges that infinite guilt must be without sin Himself in order to have such limitless power. And that is precisely who the Lord Jesus is; a person with limitless power. God in a true human person. Animal blood no doubt could temporarily cover sins, but only the blood of Jesus Christ could totally remove sins.



This entire sacrificial system was a foreshadowing of the good things that were to come, however, His resurrection represents something even more powerful, the rebirth, salvation, renewal of faith, and the promise of eternal life with Him.

"For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead"

(1 Cor 15:21)



We must never downplay the glory and importance of our Lord's resurrection. Not only does it provide for His vindication, but it is also the foundation for our own resurrection and victory over death. We do look forward to being in the presence of God at our deaths, but our final hope is the resurrection in which our spirits will be reunited with perfected bodies and when we will forever experience the glorified state that our Lord intended for us from the very beginning. Glory be to God!

Happy and a joyful Easter to each and every one!

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