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Greetings Sir Knights and Happy Easter!

If we ask our children about Easter what do they say? I am sure the Easter bunny will be in there somewhere. Even as adults many tend to lean towards the egg hunts, candy baskets and food. These are great things, as I have said before, any time families can spend time together is a great thing. We should, however, not let the bunny completely overshadow the story of Easter.

How a man stopped being a carpenter and began to speak up and down the countryside. How religious leaders felt deeply threatened because this carpenter taught in huge outdoor meetings. And he healed people! He even brought people back from the dead!

The Religious leaders saw their world slipping out of their control. They were determined to eliminate the Man. So, they removed him from public view and engineered a trial behind closed doors. They pressured the Roman governor to execute him as quickly as possible. Shortly after, the Man was hung on a cross. Within hours he was dead. There is, of course, is more to the story.

The Man did not resist his arrest and crucifixion, in fact he had predicted it to his followers. He had taught that his death would have incredible meaning. That his life would pay the ransom for many. This ransom would pay to free a

multitude of people who were enslaved in their sins.

He was buried in a tomb hollowed out of solid rock, a tomb protected by a huge stone rolled into place and secured the tomb. The following Sunday, Easter, women who had come to complete the hasty burial found the stone rolled back and the tomb empty. An angel appearing to them telling them he was not there, that he had risen.

Over the next 40 days, he appeared to his disciples and others. And then he left our planet promising to return. His Spirit poured out on his followers. This generation of followers traveled with this story and teachings though out the known world. Where people believed the story, they found forgiveness and freedom and meaning. They received the Spirit of God themselves and they began to love their fellow man.

As Christian Knights, we should be making the extra effort to attending church services. I also realize that modern work schedules and demands make this very difficult. Not to mention the government virus restrictions. Maybe this Easter we could start including time at home for a biblical story time for our children. There are many bibles/books geared for young people. I know we need more in my own home. With that, have a great Easter and I hope at some point to see folks in person.

With continued fraternal love and affection.

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