



## *Wyoming Supplement*

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As Knights Templar this month we reflect on the death and resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ. In fact, in going through the Orders to become a Knight Templar we review the events in the life of Jesus, and the history of the Knights in lectures about the Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. As we have traveled through our degrees of the masonic lodge we are taught about the mortality of man, from the initiation or birth of a new mason through youth to manhood and old age. The symbology continued when we helped raise a fallen brother from a dead level to a living perpendicular, as well as being taught to use the working tools to help us fit the great architects plan, fitting ourselves as living stones to build that house not made by hands eternal in the heavens. In the many degrees we have contemplated our mortality, but it is the commandery that we as Knights Templar speak of our personal faith and belief in Christ.

It is now at this time before the Passover that we, along with millions of faithful Christians of many different churches reread and contemplate the passion of Christ. The triumphant entry into the city, the last supper, (which we celebrate as Maundy Thursday) the betrayal, arrest and crucifixion, death, and burial. These are biblical events, and the timing is just before Passover. We now celebrate them as Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Services on good Friday have traditionally been 3 hours long to symbolize the length of time Christ was on the Cross. It was Good Friday because Christ would be the last sacrifice for our sins.

Biblically, there was no Good Friday and no Easter celebrations, in fact at the time of the crucifixion the only sunrise service celebration and spring rites celebration with eggs and bunnies were

pagan rites and were to be shunned. It was not until sometime in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> centuries that the early church began in earnest, trying to convert those non-Christians and pagans to believe in Christ. In doing so they usurped several of the pagan celebrations and rewrote them to fit the narrative of the church. This is good to know historically, but it still brings us to the biblical belief that has saved the souls of countless generations of believers. The belief that we as Knights Templar have vowed to share. That Christ died for our sins, defeated death, and arose on the third day that all who believe in him shall have life eternal.

I pray that you will share the 'good news', continue to do good works and Glorify our Father in heaven!

Stay safe, check on our members and especially the fragile members of your community.

Yours in Faith  
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