Have you ever read the real historical Easter story from the Bible?

It may well be the most powerful story in all history, the story of someone who 2000 years ago said He had complete power over death and to give eternal life. He then proved it by rising from the dead, walking out of the tomb three days after He was killed, embalmed and buried. The amazing thing is this is exactly what He said He would do!

Those who knew Him called Him the Lord Jesus, and said He was the Son of God, God Himself come to earth as a human being, the Creator of the world who became man.

Some years ago, the Easter story caught my attention when I began to understand that only someone who conquered death could truly have answers for life. I've experienced the risen Lord Jesus bringing life to me in ways I've never dreamed possible through a personal relationship with Him. That is why I would like to encourage you to take a serious look at the historical Easter story in the Bible.

"For God so loved the world, that
He gave His only Son, that whoever
believes in Him should not perish but
have eternal life. For God did not send
His Son into the world to condemn the
world, but in order that the world
might be saved through Him."

John 3:16-17

In the Bible, there are accounts of the life and resurrection of the Lord Jesus written by four different authors. You may want to read the Easter story account by each one. Here is where you can find each of them in the Bible:

BibleGateway.com has the Bible in many languages. For English, I would suggest the ESV version.

The Book of Matthew — Matthew was a government official (tax collector) who left everything to become a disciple of the Lord Jesus. He wrote his account in such a way that his Jewish friends could identify with it. Read Matthew chapters 26-28 for Matthew's record of the Easter story.

The Book of Mark — Mark wrote his account for those who were not religious. It is thought that he personally knew Jesus' closest disciple, Peter, and wrote much of his account from Peter's first-hand eyewitness experience with the Lord Jesus. Read Mark chapters 14-16 for Mark's record of the Easter story.

The Book of Luke – Luke was a gifted doctor and historian, and wrote one of the most detailed accounts of the Lord Jesus' life and resurrection. From his writings, we can tell he interviewed many first-hand witnesses who knew the Lord Jesus personally. Read Luke chapters 22-24 for Luke's record of the Easter story.

The Book of John — John was Jesus' closest disciple and friend. He wrote his account to help us understand who the Lord Jesus is: the Son of God, the Savior of the world. Read John chapters 13-21 for John's record of the Easter story.

Also, because each author records some different parts of the Easter story, I wove all four of them into a single narrative to pull the whole story together. I posted a copy of this single narrative online at ...

CreatedAndLoved.com/easter

Each time I read the complete narrative, it thrills my heart. Hope you enjoy it!

I pray that you will come to know the Lord Jesus and the power He has to conquer death and bring new life to you. This is not about religion! It is about a Creator who deeply loves us, and wants us to know Him and the life, freedom and forgiveness He gives, if we will only accept His gift of Himself to us by faith.

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Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

John 11:25-26

One more resource when considering the historical Easter story from the Bible...

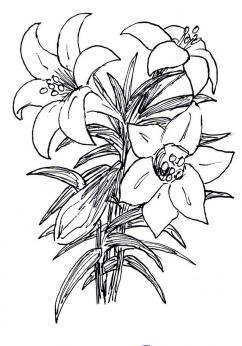
Lee Strobel, a long-time writer for the Chicago Tribune, did not believe the Easter story about the Lord Jesus conquering death was historical and true and set out to disprove it. He found that there was so much evidence for the resurrection of the Lord Jesus that he opened his life to Him, and was dynamically transformed. You can read Lee's findings in a great book he wrote entitled...

The Case for Easter: A Journalist Investigates the Evidence for the Resurrection

It is available on Amazon.

"And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life."

I John 5:11-12



Happy Easter!

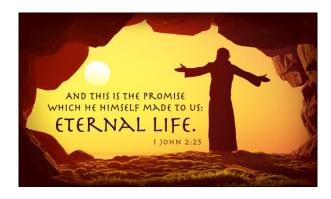
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"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:23