

## **Easter afterglow**

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**(Some of my post Easter reflections)**

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. John 3:16-17*

**What does Easter mean to me? Is it just another holiday I celebrate once a year? As I meditate on Easter I have the following thoughts. Actually for all Christians every Sunday of the year should be a celebration of Easter. The resurrection is too significant an event to be crowded into a one day of celebration.**

**The Jews set aside Saturday, the seventh day of the week to commemorate the completion of creation. For centuries Saturday was observed by the Jews as their Sabbath. Christ's resurrection from the grave was the completion of a new supernatural creation. Soon thereafter, Christian Jews who knew prophecy changed their day of worship from Saturday to Sunday known as the "Lord's day," Since then every Sunday has been a Celebration of Easter.**

**The Christian faith is based on three supernatural realities: Christ's virgin birth, His vicarious death, and His victorious resurrection.**

**Jesus was truly both God and human. Mary gave birth to Jesus making Him human and she was conceived by the Holy Spirit making Him the Son of God, one of the three persons of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. For Jesus to carry out His earthly ministry it was necessary for Him to be both God and man.**

**The tragic crucifixion of Jesus is well documented not only in the scriptures but in historical writings of the period.**

**There are those who question the truth of the resurrection it seems to some unbelievable. However, Jesus appeared to the Apostles and many other Disciples after His death. Some claim the theory of conspiracy by those who witnessed. All of the Apostles but John died a martyrs' death. Stephen was among other disciples who were put to death for their witnessing for Christ. I can't believe so many would die such a tragic death just to conspire to an untruth.**

**Christianity is a religion of faith but there are so many incidents to base our faith on that I believe like Waldo Emerson who wrote, "I have seen enough of God to believe in that which I cannot see."**

*In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philip. 1:4*