



HAPPY EASTER!

Study Verse Matthew 28:5-6

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.” (Matthew 28:5-6)

Thoughts: *Easter is such a special an important day. Without the resurrection of our RISEN Lord, we could not experience forgiveness of sin. Salvation would not be possible. Humanity would be doomed! But He is risen! Just as He said. Hallelujah! We can experience salvation and receive all of its benefits here on this earth as well as the hope of one day being in heaven with Jesus—truly in His presence It is heart rendering to think of our precious Jesus having to experience betrayal by one of the disciples who had been with him for three years, the mock trial, the unfathomable agony of the crucifixion, and having His Father turn His back on him. And just as dreadful was the mental agony of having to take upon himself the sins of the whole world—past, present, and future. Our human minds cannot compute that. We can never thank Him enough for His great sacrifice.*

May I share with you a poem that I wrote many years ago that comes to mind when Easter appears:

Ahh. . .it's Easter,

What a magnificent time of year!

New life sprouting forth in splendor,

Springtime fragrance in the air.

We're reminded of God's promise

By a choir of feathered friends;

As long as the earth remaineth,

Seedtime and harvest will not end.

Ahh. . .blessed Easter.

Conquered, now, dark Calvary.

Risen! Christ our glorious Savior;

Showering grace on you and me.

May you be graced this Easter season with an awesome awareness of God's presence!

Until next time, may God bless heal protect and grow in you daily. Everyone say, Amen