

# LAUGH AND LEARN

## GOOD FRIDAY AND

## EASTER SUNDAY

### “IT’S FRIDAY BUT SUNDAY’S COMING”

This is an American idiom and it comes from Easter weekend. It means to always have hope in every difficulty, because Jesus rose from death and the grave that first Easter.



Jesus greets Mary Magdalene Easter morning

It's Friday. Jesus is arrested in the garden where He was praying. But Sunday's coming.

It's Friday. The disciples are hiding and Peter's denying that he knows Jesus. But Sunday's coming.

It's Friday. Jesus is beaten, mocked, and spit upon. But Sunday's coming.

It's Friday. Those Roman soldiers are whipping our Lord with a leather whip that has pieces of bones and glass and metal, tearing at his flesh. But Sunday's coming.

It's Friday. Christ stands firm as they press the crown of thorns down into his head. But Sunday's coming.

It's Friday. See those Roman soldiers driving the nails into the feet and hands of my Lord. Hear my Jesus cry, "Father, forgive them." It's Friday; but Sunday's coming.

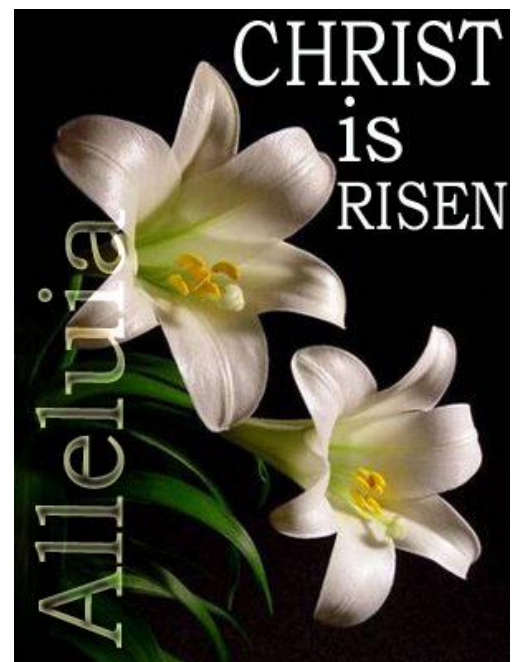
It's Friday. Jesus is hanging on the cross, bloody and dying. But Sunday's coming.

It's Friday. The sky grows dark, the earth begins to tremble, and the sinless Jesus took our sins on himself. Because of this God turns away from his Son, who then cries out, "My God, My God. Why have you turned away from me?" What a horrible cry. But Sunday's coming.

It's Friday. Jesus is hanging on the cross, heaven is weeping and hell is partying. But that's because it's Friday, and they don't know it, but Sunday's coming.

And on that horrible day 2000 years ago, Jesus the Christ, the Son of God and the only perfect man, died on the cross of Calvary. Satan thought that he had won the victory. But that was Friday.

Now it's Sunday. And at dawn on that first day of the week, there was a great earthquake. But that wasn't the only thing that was shaking because now it's Sunday. The angel of the Lord came down out of heaven and rolled the stone away from the door of the tomb. Yes, it's Sunday, and the angel of the Lord is sitting on that stone and the guards posted at the tomb to keep the body from



disappearing were shaking in their boots because it's Sunday. Jesus is not here, the angel says. He is risen from the dead.

It's Sunday, and the crucified and resurrected Christ has defeated death, hell, sin and the grave. It's Sunday. And now everything has changed. Grace is freely given to all who believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross of Calvary was buried and rose again. All because it's Sunday.

At the end of the message the pastor shouts out: **It's Friiidaaay!**

And the whole congregation responds: **But Sunday's Coming!**

## THE LINKS:

Presidential Candidate Mike Huckabee on the meaning of Easter (Don't Give In)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAm9PsgUqjA>

Easter - The True Meaning

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=woBEZR8BiNM>

America's Favorite Easter Song

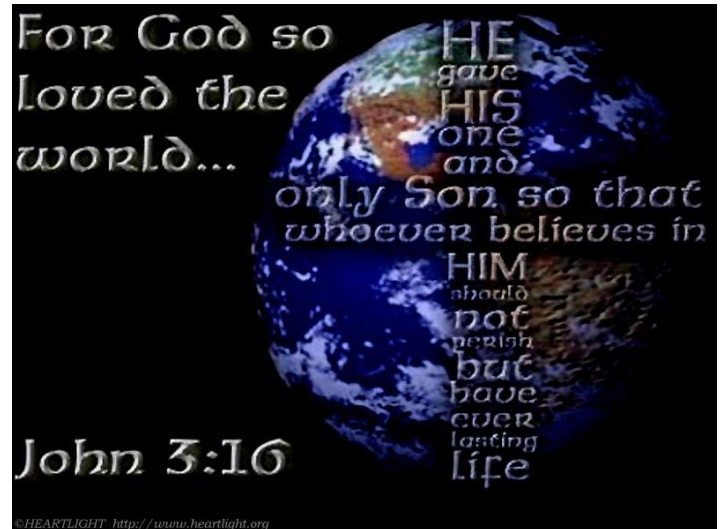
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Read the Easter story here

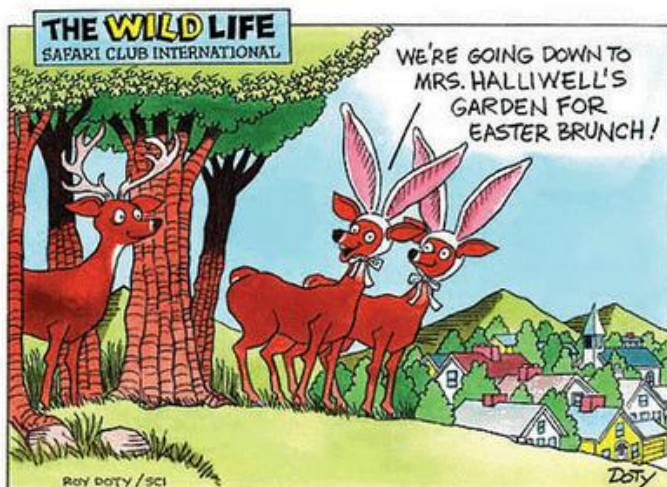
<http://powertochange.com/discover/faith/easterstory/>

Song: Sunday by Tree63

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hyv\\_nYcSmk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hyv_nYcSmk)



## THE LAUGH:



### Top Ten Reasons to Celebrate Easter

10. You loved Mel Gibson's movie, The Passion of Christ.
9. You look really, really good in yellow and blue.
8. You have a bag full of eggs and you don't know what to do with them
7. You figure any Holiday that starts with a "Good Friday" can't be all bad.
6. You love to bite the heads off chocolate bunnies.
5. It's a good time to check out your neighborhood church and not be noticed.



4. You have this bunny suit you love to wear, but are too insecure to wear it without a reason.
3. You love your grandparents and it will make them happy.
2. It's spring and feels like new life.
1. You figured since Jesus went to all THAT trouble to make the first Easter, you'd take time to thank him.



"What a lucky break!  
Not only do we FIND the Easter bunny...  
BUT we catch him right when he's  
making chocolate mini-eggs!"

### The Rules of Chocolate

- If you get melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly.
- Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.
- **The problem:** How to get two pounds of chocolate home from the store in a hot car.  
**The solution:** Eat it in the parking lot.
- **Diet tip:** Eat a chocolate bar before each meal. It'll take the edge off your appetite and you'll eat less.
- A nice box of chocolates can provide your total daily intake of calories in one place. Isn't that handy?
- If you can't eat all your chocolate, it will keep in the freezer. But if you can't eat all your chocolate, what's wrong with you?
- If calories are an issue, store your chocolate on top of the fridge. Calories are afraid of heights, and they will jump out of the chocolate to protect themselves.
- Money talks. Chocolate sings.
- Chocolate has many preservatives. Preservatives make you look younger.
- Why is there no such organization as Chocoholics Anonymous? Because no one wants to quit.
- Put "eat chocolate" at the top of your list of things to do today. That way, at least you'll get one thing done.
- Chocolate is a health food. Chocolate is derived from cacao beans. Bean = vegetable. Sugar is derived either from sugar beets or cane, both vegetables. And, of course, the milk/cream is dairy. So eat more chocolate to meet the dietary requirements for daily vegetable and dairy intake.

**Q:** How do you catch the Easter Bunny?

**A:** Hide in a bush and make a noise like a carrot!

Boy 1: "How did you get that bruise on your arm?"

Boy 2: "I ate some Easter candy."

Boy 1: "Eating Easter candy won't give you a bruise."

Boy 2: "It will if it's your big brother's candy!"

**Q:** How is the Easter Bunny like Michael Jordan?

**A:** They're both famous for stuffing baskets!

**Q:** What's red and blue and sogs up your Easter basket?

**A:** Colored scrambled eggs!