

2 Easter B Joke Sunday

Today is Joke Sunday known throughout the world because the joke is on death. There is also the matter of Thomas, who when we mention his name the word "doubt" comes to mind. Yet Thomas largest issue was that he was a serious kind of guy. He did not know how to laugh at the absurdity of the resurrection. So are you ready? As baptized Christians alive with the risen Christ we can surely laugh at death.

#1. A priest wanted to raise money for his church and on being told that there was a fortune in horse racing, decided to purchase a horse and enter it in the races.

At the local auction the going price for horses was so high that it was well outside the reach of his humble discretionary fund.

He ended up buying a donkey instead.

He figured that since he had it, he might as well go ahead and enter it in the races.

To his surprise, the donkey came in third!

The next day the local paper carried this headline: PRIEST'S ASS (DONKEY) SHOWS.

The priest was so pleased with the donkey that he entered it in the race again, and this time it won.

The paper read: PRIEST'S ASS (DONKEY) OUT IN FRONT.

The Bishop was so upset with this kind of publicity that he ordered the priest not to enter the donkey in another race.

The paper headline read: BISHOP SCRATCHES PRIEST'S ASS (DONKEY).

This was too much for the Bishop, so he ordered the priest to get rid of the donkey.

The priest decided to give it to a nun in a nearby convent.

The paper's headline the next day read: NUN HAS BEST ASS (DONKEY) IN TOWN.

The Bishop fainted and was hospitalized.

He informed the nun that she would have to get rid of the donkey, so she sold it to a farmer for \$10.00.

The next day the headline read: NUN SELLS ASS (DONKEY) FOR \$10.00.

This was too much for the Bishop, so he ordered the nun to buy back the donkey, lead it to the plains, and let it go.

Next day, the headline in the paper read: NUN ANNOUNCES HER ASS (DONKEY) IS WILD AND FREE.
The Bishop was buried the next day.

And the headline read:
WHOSE DONKEY IS NEXT?

#2.

Death by Stupidity

In some foreign country a priest, a lawyer and an engineer are about to be guillotined.

The priest puts his head on the block, they pull the rope and nothing happens -- he declares that he's been saved by divine intervention-- so he's let go .

The lawyer is put on the block, and again the rope doesn't release the blade, he claims he can't be executed twice for the same crime

and he is set free too.

They grab the engineer and shove his head into the guillotine, he looks up at the release mechanism and says, "Wait a minute, I see your problem...."

#3. An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of Church services when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled, "Stop! Acts 2:38! " (Repent and be baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven.)

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar,

"Why did you just stand there? All the lady did was yell a scripture to you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an Ax and Two38's!"

The moral: scripture is a powerful weapon against evil!

#4. I was walking across a bridge one day, and I saw a man standing on the edge, about to jump. I ran over and said: "Stop. Don't do it."

"Why shouldn't I?" he asked.

"Well, there's so much to live for!"

"Like what?"

"Are you religious?"

He said, "Yes."

I said, "Me too. Are you Christian or Buddhist?"

"Christian."

"Me too. Are you Catholic or Protestant?"

"Protestant."

"Me too. Are you Episcopalian or Baptist?"

"Baptist."

"Wow. Me too. Are you Baptist Church of God or Baptist Church of the Lord?"

"Baptist Church of God."

"Me too. Are you original Baptist Church of God, or are you Reformed Baptist Church of God?"

"Reformed Baptist Church of God."

"Me too. Are you Reformed Baptist Church of God, Reformation of 1879, or Reformed Baptist Church of God, Reformation of 1915?"

He said: "Reformed Baptist Church of God, Reformation of 1915."

I said: "Die, heretic, scum" and pushed him off.

#5. St Peter decides to take the day off to go fishing, so Jesus offers to keep an eye on the Pearly Gates. He is not sure what to do, so Peter tells him to find out a bit about people as they arrive in Heaven, and this will help him decide if he can let them in.

After a while, Jesus sees a little old man with white hair approaching who looks very, very familiar. He asks the old man to tell him about himself. The old man says, "I had a very sad life. I was a carpenter and had a son who I lost at a relatively young age, and although he was not my natural child, I loved him dearly."

Jesus welled up with emotion. He threw his arms around the old man and cried, "Daddy!"

The old man replied, "Pinocchio?"

#6. The Trinity were planning a holiday. The Spirit, manifesting the creative part of the divine nature, was coming up with the ideas. "Let's go to New York," he suggested.

"No, no, no," said the Father, "They're all so liberated, they'll spend the whole time calling me 'Mother' and it will just do my head in."

So the Spirit sat back and thought. "I know, what about Jerusalem?" he said. "It's beautiful and then there's the history and everything."

"No way!" the Son declared. "After what happened the last time, I'm never going there again!"

At this point, the Spirit got annoyed and went off in a huff. Sometime later he returned and found that the Father and Son had had an idea they both thought was excellent:

"Why don't we go to Rome?" said the Son.

**"Perfect!" cried the Holy Spirit. "I've never been there before!"
Of course that only applies to those other churches.**

#7. Jesus came upon a small crowd who had surrounded a young woman they believed to be an adulteress. They were preparing to stone her to death.

To calm the situation, Jesus said: "Whoever is without sin among you, let them cast the first stone."

Suddenly, an old lady at the back of the crowd picked up a huge rock and lobbed it at the young woman, scoring a direct hit on her head. The unfortunate young lady collapsed dead on the spot.

Jesus looked over towards the old lady and said: "Do you know, Mother, sometimes you really make me mad!"

The moral: never challenge your mother in public!

#8.

The Florist's Mistake

In opening his new store, a man received a bouquet of flowers. He became dismayed on reading the enclosed card, that it expressed "Deepest Sympathy".

While puzzling over the message, his telephone rang. It was the florist, apologizing for having sent the wrong card.

"Oh, it's alright." said the storekeeper. "I'm a businessman and I understand how these things can happen."

"But," added the florist, "I accidentally sent your card to a funeral party."

"Well, what did it say?" asked the storekeeper. "

The florist said, 'Congratulations on your new location'.

Here are some Actual Announcements Taken From Church Bulletins.

- Don't let worry kill you -- Let the church help.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and the community.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- Tuesday at 4:-00 p.m. there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

Prayer: Father God in light of your Son our Lord Jesus' resurrection, give us a sense of humor in all we do as your people. Help us to laugh at each other rather than be cross. After all, you took the cross and now we can laugh. Amen.