**A dog lying on a table

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I saw what you did

To your chocolate bunny.

You may have laughed

And thought it was funny.

You planned it right down

To the smallest detail.

You picked it right up

And my face went pale.

I saw your teeth

Come down with delight

I saw how you tore

Each morsel just right.

Your face showed no fear

No remorse for your act.

In fact you were laughing

And that is a fact.

My Easter is ruined

Its etched in my mind.

How you devoured that bunny

From ears to behind.

I learned from you

That bunnies are food.

So I went and caught one

And we played and played and it was so much fun and you won’t believe all the things we did and I can’t believe we never did this before and they say that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, so I plan to eat this thing from the ears to the behind just like you did and it will be amazing and wonderful and I will look at you and grin from ear to ear when I am done.

**Large Numbers of Dead People Come Back to Life!**

Few passages are as ignored into oblivion as is Matthew 27:52-53. There we find this account recorded:

*At that moment … the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life.**They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and[*[*e*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+27&version=NIV#fen-NIV-24183e)*] went into the holy city and appeared to many people.*

At the moment that Jesus gave up His spirit, many saints suddenly came to life and walked into the city and the implication is that they interacted with people living there.

Stop and consider that idea for just a moment. I have had several family members who I dearly loved who have gone on into Glory many years ago. I was at their funerals. In many cases, I saw their embalmed, lifeless bodies lying in a coffin just moments before witnessing them being lowered into a grave and covered with earth.

If one of those people from my past suddenly appeared at my door and told me strange tales about what God was doing in my community that day, you better believe I would have sat upright and took notice. That is not something that you can walk away from and think nothing much more about.

It would have affected countless thousands deeply! The stories would have been everywhere. The death, burial, and resurrection of the Messiah was indeed the crossroads of history and God was determined that it would not slip by unnoticed.

**What is the Kingdom of God?**

Jesus taught of the mysteries of the kingdom in Matthew 13. It has been fulfilled here and now, but will not be consummated until… one day in the future.

In the Parable of the Sower we see that the kingdom is not sweeping through the whole world at present. Some are turning to salvation, but most are not until…

In the Parable of the Wheat and Tares we see that he kingdom exists at present with righteous and evil people side by side until…

In the Parable of the Mustard Seed we that the kingdom came as a mustard seed in the person of Jesus Christ, and not in a huge military coup. It will grow and grow until…

In the Parable of the Fishing Net we see that those who come under the power of the kingdom are a mixed bag. Some are true disciples and some are not. They will not be separated out from each other until…

There is a present tense and future tense to this idea of the kingdom of God. Jesus has come and died on the cross for our sins and the wrath of God is diverted away from us who are Christians. At present we have the promise of eternal life, forgiveness of sins, justification, and the imputation of his own righteousness, peace with God, escape from hell, and the enjoyment of all the new covenant promises.

Until… in the future when **we will experience the best and highest of everything we can ever hope for or dream of: “I will be your God, and I will be with you, and you will be my people.”**

Do we see God through that lens? Is a deep personal relationship with Him our greatest desire? Until we do, we are missing the truth concerning the most important part our future in the kingdom of God—Him.

