



Monday Matters - July 9, 2012

I Know It Isn't Easter But ...

Here it is the beginning of July and it certainly isn't cold or snowy or the middle of March. In fact the temperatures are pushing 100 degrees in many areas including North and South Carolina and Kentucky where I am this weekend.

This past week the church that I serve brought on a new associate pastor. In their move from North Carolina, she told of an interesting story she and her family they had - something I'll expand into a bit of a parable.

On Friday, the movers came to pack up all their belongings. The doors of the house were wide open with the movers going back and forth loading the truck. During this time, her husband and her were monitoring their belongings, their two small children and family's two cats. At some point in time one of cats disappeared. They had no idea where it could have gone.

After the movers were all done packing and the back of the truck securely sealed, the family looked in every place imaginable for the cat. It was nowhere to be found. It was obvious that the family

Quote of the Week

Every morning is a chance to forget the pains of yesterday, and see the change of a brand new day. To dance and laugh again, to make up for the wrong things done. And most of all, it's God's reminder that He is sending another blessing called 'LIFE.'

-- Justice Cabral

was distressed over the lost cat. By the time they were ready to leave and still no cat to be found, they let the neighbors know to call them in South Carolina should the cat reappear.

On the third day the movers arrived at the family's new home and opened the back of the truck and what did they find? The cat! It had been in the truck for three days with no food or water and in extreme heat. Surely the cat must be dead. To everyone's amazement, the cat was alive. He's alive! The family was thrilled.



(David Phelps & Gaither Vocal Band - He's Alive)

So what's the parable. It should be obvious. Sealed up for three days and appeared alive. Imagine our Lord sealed in a tomb and on the third day appeared alive.

Take a moment to listen to David Phelps sing this beautiful and emotional song. Put yourself at the scene. See the stone put in place and sealed. Then, on the third day, seeing it rolled away and finally seeing the Lord alive! Rejoice! We can celebrate Easter and our risen Lord all year long.



Touching Story/"We Shall Behold Him" By Anthony Burger

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