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thick headed. Why didn't she and the others know Jesus would reappear? He had promised, taught about it, and foretold the story. Was it a lack of faith?

I don't think so. I think they experienced what psychologists call "cognitive dissonance". It means that all of the information they were receiving just overloaded their thinking. It was "too much".

We have the advantage, having grown up with the story. As long as there have been Easter Sundays, the story has been repeated and many days unassociated with Easter. We've become used to the idea of a resurrection.

Isn't that extraordinary? That we have learned to see as "normal" or a matter of record that one can return from the dead. If you step back and think about it, you may share some of their cognitive dissonance. Rise from the dead?

We've been to thousands of funerals and it has never happened. We are surrounded by cemeteries full of dead men's bones.

But today, amid the Easter bunnies, colored eggs, and chocolate bunnies, people are thinking of an empty tomb. We take it as a given.

What an incredible God we serve.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

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His Faithfulness Reaches to the Clouds

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April 21, 2019

As John retells the story on resurrection morning, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb while it was still dark. She returns and reports to Peter that the body is missing.

At this point no one is thinking resurrection, all thoughts are on the enemies of Jesus who might have stolen the body. Peter returns to the place they were staying while Mary Magdalene mourns at the grave site.

Then, the Scriptures record events that Mary Magdalene is unprepared for, two angels, seated at the head and the foot of the location of the missing body speak with her. She doesn't know what to think of it. Turning, she sees a gardener, at least she thinks it is a gardener. Unprepared to see Jesus, she does not recognize him. Only when she hears the familiar voice does all doubt fly from her.

Clinging, like a child clutching a familiar toy, she will not step back, afraid he might disappear again. Jesus has to assure her that he has not yet ascended back to God's right hand.

Go tell the brothers...

Perhaps, because we read the story, very familiar with the ending, we see her as being foolish, or

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SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
Worship Service—10:45 am
WEDNESDAY: Varies by Time of Year (*refer to Bulletin News*)
ELDERS: Richard Brensing, Teddy Gingrich, Terry Sallee,
George Shelton, Tom Turner
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril
TREASURER: Richard Brensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR APRIL 21, 2019

SONG LEADER: Richard Brensing
GATHERING SONG: No. 77—Glorify Thy Name
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: John 19:16-42 (Chris Mansel)
SONGS: No. 349—Ten Thousand Angels
(sing all verses, then chorus)
No. 312—Cross Medley
-No. 313—The Old Rugged Cross (vs 1, 2)
-No. 314—Beneath the Cross of Jesus (vs 1, 2)
-No. 315—When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
(vs 1, 4)
No. 186—Christ, We Do All Adore Thee
PRAYER: Stan Aldrich
SONG: No. 344—Low in the Grave He Lay
COMMUNION: Gary Hornbaker
Ben Sizemore
Teddy Gingrich
Fred Johnson
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Psalm 108:3-5)
(audience to read along)
SONG: No. 470—Victory in Jesus
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 926—What Will You Do With Jesus (vs 1)
PRAYER: Carl Feril

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship; please come again!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- The theme this year will be “Level Up with God’s Power”; we will be trying a new two-day format.
- **Saturday, June 1st:** Start at 1:00 pm, ending after supper and a family carnival.
- **Sunday, June 2nd:** Special worship service and meal.
- Orrin & Meagan Feril are the leadership team; please visit with them about how you can be included.
- Between now and then, Wednesday evenings will be used to prepare for this special event. Please come at 7:00 pm each week and be part of the preparations.

SYMPATHY

The memorial service for **Ron Clark** (Hudson) will be on Saturday, April 27th at 10:00 am at Heartland Community Church in Great Bend.

Brandon & Lynn Husband (good friends of Josh & Sarah [Marks] Martin) - both died yesterday from injuries sustained from a motorcycle accident near Medicine Lodge.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tom Turner—April 27

GUEST SPEAKER

John McKeel will be our guest speaker on Sunday, May 5th.



PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please give updates on your family & friends to Janet so this list can be current)

Justice Mayer—fell yesterday and broke her arm; is to see an orthopedic surgeon on Monday
Orvalee Aldrich—recent reaction to a medication adjustment
Gary—Aldrich’s neighbor—cancer
Maggie Harris (Lisa’s mother) - at a long term care facility in Larned while she heals from a broken hip and shoulder
Gary Osenbaugh (Jesse Mayer’s cousin in Turon) - head injury
Gary Osenbaugh (Chet & Tyrone’s uncle) - cancer; the family has asked for prayers
Cole Kinnamon—recovering from ankle surgery
Gayle Byer—cataract surgery scheduled for April 23
Carol Gingrich—health concerns
Dena Mansel—health concerns
Jill Mophew (Janet’s sister-in-law in Lubbock)—cancer
Becky Arens (Baylee’s aunt) - diagnosed with AML (leukemia)
Tom Crawford (Marilyn’s nephew) - kidney failure; heart problem; liver problem; in assisted living
Thomas Crawford (Marilyn’s great nephew) - liver failure
Alan—Aldrich’s neighbor—health concerns
Greg Lewis—brain tumor; Stage 4 cancer
Caylee Welch—drug rehabilitation
Barbara Schuette (Marla’s sister) - improving
Rick Toland (Marla’s cousin in Topeka) - cancer
Vince, Teddy’s brother-in-law—heart problems
Kim Staub—Parkinson’s
Katherine Suiter—cancer
Crystal Easley (Terry/Linda Welch’s daughter) - cancer
David Ivy (Marilyn’s brother) - Emphysema
Jenny Walker (Carol’s sister)
Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments
Theo Birkett (Tara’s mother)
Jim Soukup (Gingrich’s son-in-law [Shari’s husband])
June Cornwell—Kenwood Plaza

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