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MOST of us think of Easter as a beautiful season in the spring of the year, when trees are putting out new leaves and wild violets, Dutchman's-breeches, and wild arbutus are carpeting the woodlands. We think too of new spring coats and Easter hats, of Easter lilies banked before the church altar, and of the organ pouring forth glad Easter music.

But this is not a true Easter picture, for in some parts of the world Easter Sunday is a midsummer day, and in other places streams and fields and forests will still be locked in the grip of winter.

So since Easter does not bring up the same picture in all our minds we must think of it as more than just a season of the year. The true Easter must mean much the same thing to all of us, regardless of where our home may be.

Easter is truly a time of rejoicing, for on the first glad Easter men learned for a certainty that there really is no death. Our body may die, but the real part of us, which thinks and loves, goes on living forever. Jesus' disciples were filled with despair on the first Good Friday because their friend and teacher had been crucified. They felt that all their bright hopes and plans were forever dashed to pieces when Jesus' body was taken down from the cross and lovingly and gently laid in the tomb. But in their grief they forgot that He had told them He would arise in three days. They forgot it, just as we often forget that He has promised to be with us to tell us what to do when we are troubled.

How great was their rejoicing when Easter dawned and they learned that He had risen! That first Easter in Galilee may have been a beautiful spring morning, but I am sure that the Easter gladness in the hearts of Jesus' disciples and friends did not depend on the season or the weather. Only one thing mattered: Christ, their lord and master, had risen!



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