



I don't understand. This is odd. At Christmas time we celebrate the birth of Christ. There are Christmas trees, lights, decorations, carols...all in the stores months before December 25th. Nativity scene and crèches pop up in yards and on mantels. We send cards decrying the great joy of the season; the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. But, what happened to Easter?

The Easter season is the celebration of the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Easter is the day that has been designated by all Christendom to say "He has Risen". This is the event that happened over two thousand years ago that allows us to have eternal life. Yet, I don't see any likenesses of empty tombs on lawns. I don't hear songs of our risen Savior on every radio station. Oh, there are advertisements for Easter Baskets filled with candy and colored eggs; department stores with pastel flowers and dresses, bonnets and shoes. But I don't see crosses draped with a lifeless body wearing a crown of thorns hanging from the mall rafters on Good Friday. That wouldn't make for very cheery decorations I suppose.

The day after thanksgiving is known as "black" Friday, the commercial start of the Christmas season. But, I think the true black Friday is the one before Easter; the day that Jesus was nailed to a cross to take away the sins of the world. A world that has become so obsessed with commercializing Christmas, it has been forgotten that Jesus was born to die so that we may all live eternally.

How horrible to be there at Golgotha, on that black Friday. I can't imagine the sorrow that Mary, his mother, must have felt...Her son, bleeding to death before her very eyes. But, how awesome and amazing it must have been when the angels of the Lord said to the women at the empty tomb on that first Easter morning;

*"And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen...(Luke 24;4-6a)*

Easter, the celebration of the risen Christ!

Yes, the miraculous virgin birth of Christ is to be celebrated...with great joy and wonder. I just find it odd that Easter is not given the same level of sensationalism and celebration. Don't you?