



**12 tons of KitKat bars stolen in  
chocolaty heist in Europe,  
Nestle says**

The background of the left half of the image is a close-up photograph of parched, cracked earth. The soil is a dark brown color, and the cracks form a complex, irregular pattern across the surface, symbolizing death and desolation.

GOOD  
FRIDAY

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The background of the right half of the image is a dense, top-down view of vibrant green foliage. The leaves are small, oval-shaped, and packed closely together, creating a rich, textured green field that symbolizes new life and resurrection.

EASTER

HE HAS RISEN

# The Ugliness of the Cross & Beauty of God's Salvation

# The Beauty of God's Creation

## Genesis 1:1-2:17

“...good...good...good...good...good...good  
...very good.”

## Genesis 2:18

It is *not* good.

## Genesis 2:25

They felt no shame.



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To be in sin, biblically speaking, means something very much more consequential than wrongdoing; it means being catastrophically separated from the eternal love of God. It means to be on the other side of an impassable barrier of exclusion from God's heavenly banquet. It means to be helplessly trapped inside one's own worst self, miserably aware of the chasm between the way we are and the way God intends us to be. It means the continuation of the reign of greed, cruelty, rapacity, and violence throughout the world...Sin is not so much a collection of individual misdeeds as it is an active, malevolent agency bent upon despoiling, imprisonment, and death--the utter undoing of God's purposes.

Fleming Rutledge,  
American Episcopal priest, author, and preacher,  
*The Crucifixion: Understanding the Death of Jesus Christ*,  
page 174



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“You will not certainly die,”  
the serpent said to the woman.

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# The Ugliness of the Cross

**1 Corinthians 15:3**

Christ died for our sins.





## APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,

**suffered** under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.

Amen.

born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he **suffered** death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets

...and He HIMSELF  
bore OUR sins in  
HIS body on the  
CROSS

1st Peter 2:24





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**Unburdening**

**ordinary people**

by **pointing** each other

to an **extraordinary savior.**

[!!!]

## Mark 16:3-7

<sup>3</sup> “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?” <sup>4</sup> But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’ ”





## Mark 9:2-13

<sup>2</sup> After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup> His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup> (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) <sup>7</sup> Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

## Mark 9:2-13

<sup>8</sup> Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. <sup>10</sup> They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what “rising from the dead” meant. <sup>11</sup> And they asked him, “Why do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?” <sup>12</sup> Jesus replied, “To be sure, Elijah does come first, and restores all things. Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected? <sup>13</sup> But I tell you, Elijah has come, and they have done to him everything they wished, just as it is written about him.”



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## Ilsa's Story

# Buried in death, raised to new life

## Romans 6:4-5

<sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

COME TO ME



ALL WHO ARE  
*BURDENED*

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MATTHEW 11:28



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Dear friend, what other evidence  
do you need?

Do you want to be baptized?