

What If Easter Was Cancelled?

Today's encourager reminded us of how important it is to give God a RIGHT NOW PRAISE!

Thinking about that my mind reflects on the blessing we received from bible history thru current times. Just think how things would be if everyone preceding and including Jesus had said NO!

History has afforded many 'what if' opportunities...

What if Noah had said no to building an ark? Then there would be no humanity on the earth today. And the rainbow (Gods covenant symbol) would never be placed in the sky (Genesis 7:1 – 9:29).

What if Miriam had not cleverly arranged for Jochebed to continue to nurse her son Moses for the Egyptian Princess? Then Moses, accompanied by Aaron would not have delivered the children of Israel out of Egypt. (Exodus 1:22–

2:4).

What if Mary had said no to being pregnant? Possibly there would be no son of God named Jesus the Saviour of the world (Luke 1:26, 27).

What if Joseph had said no to betrothing a pregnant woman? Then Jesus would not have learned carpentry (building) skills (Matthew 1:20, 21).

What if Mary while pregnant had not gone to visit her pregnant Cousin Elizabeth? Then her baby, named John the Baptist, would not have leaped in her womb. That leap identified that Mary was pregnant with the anointed one, Jesus (Luke 1:39-56).

What if John the Baptist had said no to proclaiming about the baptism of repentance. Then Jesus himself would not have been baptized in water or sealed with the Holy Spirit by God.

What if Jesus had said no to going into the

wilderness for 40 days? We would have missed out on realizing Jesus passed the pretest prior to the final exam of defeating the devil.

What if Jesus had said no to performing miracles? Then there would be;

- no turning water into wine (John 2:1-25)
- no healing of blinded eyes, no lame made to walk, no deaf made to hear (Matthew 11:4, 5)
- no sick made whole (Mark 6:56)
- no dead raised back to life (Luke 7:15), (Mark 5:42), (John 11:44)

More serious is what if Jesus had a change of heart and mind and said no to death, burial, and resurrection? (1 Corinthians 15:1-11).

- Then we would have no Christ, Savior, Lord or Great Intercessor and all the world would be lost (Hebrews 7:25)
- And we would not have the comfort of the Holy

Spirit (John 14:25-26).

After living through last years Pandemic, severe storms and the brink of herd immunity lets not be guilty of contributing saying no to the will of God for we are the witnesses that CHRIST IS OUR RISEN SAVIOUR!

Challenge:

Consider the no you implied to God in word, action or deed. Did that no hinder someone from hearing your 'right now praise?' If so, God has blessed all of us with another chance to serve like never before. Let's help the world realize Easter is not contained in a day, but our PASSION FOR CHRIST lives forevermore!

*God took the
CRUCIFIXION
of Friday*

*And turned it into the
CELEBRATION
of Sunday.*





