

TRAINING FOR GUYS

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I love Easter! Chocolate chocolate chocolate!

That's not the meaning of Easter, it's about Jesus' death and resurrection...Salvation!!



So, why's it called Easter then?

cos it happened in the East?



NO, it probably comes from the goddess Ishtar - the fertility goddess. New life, eggs, rabbits, fertility.

OK, so we just used the name of the old festival and made it Christian.



So then you're saying it's ok to mix up pagan stuff with your Christianity?

Yes. I mean, no. We don't. It's all about Jesus, Easter



I think you're losing the message. Ask most people today what Easter is about and they will say chocolate, bunnies and eggs.

Well, of course, we can't spend us much on advertising as the supermarkets do.



But do you spend as much time with your "Good News" story as you do munching your eggs?

So are you saying we should boycott those things because we're Christians and can't have fun?



Not at all. I don't care!

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On Good Friday the BBC broadcast a programme based on the "Dan Brown" myth that Jesus and Mary Magdalene were either married or sexual partners. Total rubbish, as the following Bible points make clear.

1/ God is faithful and teaches us faithfulness not only to our spouse when we are married but also before we are married. The "Bride of Christ" is the Church, the wedding is yet to take place. Jesus is faithful to His Bride yesterday, today and forever.
2/ After the resurrection, when Mary realised it was Jesus standing before her she cried out in exclamation. Entirely naturally, she would have used the most intimate name she had for Him. What did she say? "Sweetheart"? "Darling"? "Jesus"? No, John 20:16 tells us "*She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means 'Teacher')*" Better Believe Christ, BBC.

Bible Study Series

We continue our series on 1 Peter chapter 3 v 9 - 15

Be like-minded with Christ, bless and be good news to the people around you

Read the passage, and go to www.tfgministries.org.uk/podcasts and join in.

I'm away for a couple of weeks... back after the hols. (more podcasts should still appear though)