

## ALTAPASS ALLEGORIES

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I'm so glad God saw fit to allow me to live in an area where the seasons change. Each season brings new landscapes and new joys to appreciate. This time of year is beautiful, especially after the hard, cold winter we experienced. I'm sure we are all rejoicing at the sight of every daffodil, crocus, or tulip we see. Even though we know we will soon be mowing the lawn, green grass looks really good right now. God must love brilliant colors. He created so many different hues and shades of every color.

Springtime brings about a renewal of life. Every plant, every bloom, has waited deep in the frozen ground to come forth as the sun warms the earth, just the way God willed it to do. So is it any wonder that God chose this time of year to bring salvation to the world through His Son, Jesus Christ?

Recently, we heard a great message entitled "Sunday's Coming". How that uplifted my heart! I've wondered what my reaction would had been had I been present at that resurrection morning. Would I have wanted to follow the ladies as they travelled the sad path to the tomb? Would I have tried to outrun Peter to the tomb when he heard the good news that Jesus was alive? Surely I wouldn't have believed the rumor that someone had stolen His body away. However I might have reacted, I'm certain of this one thing: Death and the grave could not hold the King of Glory. He was, and is, very much alive.

Do we fully realize how very much alive He is? He suffered and died for our sins, He arose, and now He is alive forevermore. He is more precious than all the spring buds, warm sunshine, or any of the joys that may hold our attention. When we come to worship, we are inclined to greet one another with a handshake or a hug. We inquire about their health and catch up on how their life is going. It is certainly a good thing to show our love for our brothers and sisters. However, I wonder what it would be like if, just once, when we come together the first words out of our mouth were a loud, "He's Alive! He's Alive!" It might be a great way to praise our Lord for His bountiful love for us.

Mark 16:6-7